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## ONLY BENEFICIARIES CAN FILE DEFICIENCY IN SERVICE PLEA

The Supreme Court said not everyone can file a complaint against a hospital/doctor on behalf of other family members

## LIMITS TO THE CONCEPT OF JOINT HINDU FAMILY

The court dismissed the plea of the head (karta) of a Joint Hindu Family (JHF) on the ground that under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, he was not the beneficiary of the service availed of from a hospital. "The concept of JHF doesn't extend to the treatment of a pregnant sister-in-law," a bench of justices Hemant Gupta and V Ramasubramanian said

## DEFINITION OF A COMPLAINANT

The SC noted the karta didn't fit the definition of a complainant in the strict sense as it meant any person who hired or availed of any services for a payment and included a beneficiary of services. The karta had filed a complaint against a clinic alleging deficiency in service in the treatment given to his sister-in-law

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NATIONAL CONSUMER DISPUTES PANEL HAD DISMISSED THE COMPLAINT

# Cong plays SC card, chooses Channi

Was technical education minister in the outgoing govt; had revolted against Amarinder; to take oath of office and secrecy at 11 am today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chandigarh

ENDING intense speculation on Capt Amarinder Singh's successor a day after he was forced to resign, Charanjit Singh Channi (58), a member of the Scheduled Caste community, was on Sunday elected the Punjab Congress Legislative Party leader. He will take oath of office and secrecy as chief minister at 11 am on Monday.

He is comparatively a political lightweight and will hold office for just a few months before the state goes to polls early next year; one reason why Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu was happy with the choice.

Earlier in the day, AICC observers had approved a proposal to elevate Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa as chief minister, but Sidhu spiked it, as the former was seen as a heavy-weight who could overshadow him in the run-up to the Assembly elections.

Channi, the technical education minister in the outgoing ministry, was the dark horse in the race. He will be the first SC (Ramdasia Sikh) leader ever to become the chief minister of

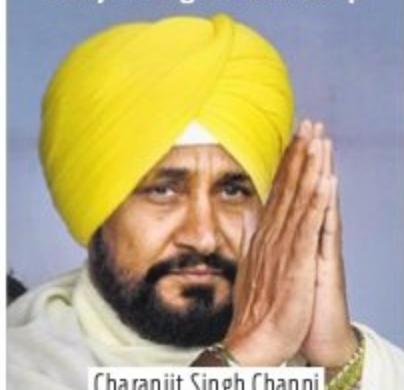
## CHANNI'S JOURNEY

The 58-year-old is the first Dalit CM to lead Punjab

Three-time legislator from the Chamkaur Sahib Assembly constituency

Joined Congress in 2012 and held multiple portfolios in the earlier Amarinder Singh cabinet

Had rebelled against Amarinder, siding with the Navjot Singh Sidhu camp



the state that has already had 15 CMs. A three-time MLA from the Chamkaur Sahib constituency, he was Leader of Opposition from 2015 to 2016.

His appointment in the Jat-dominated Punjab politics would change the dynamics in

the run-up to the Assembly elections, as SCs have 32% vote share in the state.

Sources said the decision to appoint an SC as the CLP leader came after hours of deliberations on the best possible combination to represent all communities, castes and regions in the state.

Channi was among the four cabinet ministers and several Congress legislators who had raised a banner of revolt against Amarinder Singh saying they do not have faith in him as he has not fulfilled promises made before the 2017 Assembly polls.

He had then said that several ministers and MLAs have expressed concern over the unfulfilled promises, including delay in justice in the sacrilege case and the subsequent police firing in 2015, scrapping power purchase agreements and arrest of the big fish involved in drug mafia.

Flanked by Sidhu and AICC Punjab in-charge Harish Rawat outside Raj Bhavan after meeting Governor Banwarilal Purohit to stake his claim to lead the government, Channi said, "The oath-taking ceremony will take place at 11 am on Monday."

## Bid to draw vote banks that drifted away over the years

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

BY passing the chief minister's baton to Charanjit Singh Channi, the Congress high command appears to be making attempts to win back the SC and OBC vote banks that drifted away from the party across the country over the years. If all goes well, Channi could be projected as the party's Dalit face in polls elsewhere, too.

At 32%, Punjab has the highest SC population in the country. Add to that the 18% strength of the backward classes, and they form a sizeable vote bank. "With Navjot Singh Sidhu, a Jat Sikh, as Punjab Congress president, and an SC as chief minister, the Congress has taken a strategic call to play the caste card before the Assembly elections early next year," a political observer said.

Political analyst Professor Ashutosh of Panjab University said, "The Congress is trying to

send a message of identity and symbolism across all states, especially Uttar Pradesh where elections are due early next year along with Punjab. UP has a big SC vote bank. Uttarakhand, too, is poll-bound and has some SC population. The Congress is clearly trying to bring the SC vote bank back."



Messaging for UP

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who is in-charge of UP, is already trying to woo the SCs there. The Channi factor will send a positive message to the SCs in UP

As for the Aam Aadmi Party, it has given the post of the Leader of Opposition in Punjab to an SC, Harpal Singh Cheema, and promised the deputy CM's post to the community if voted to power in the elections.

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## ALL IS NOT WELL

# Trouble in JDS makes HDK lean towards BJP

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

RISING troubles from within his party seem to have made senior JDS leader and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy lean towards the ruling BJP in Karnataka.

It was quite evident when he stated on the floor of the Assembly recently that the increase in prices of petrol and diesel and essential commodities is inevitable, while the other opposition party Congress had stoked it as a major issue ahead of the legislature session that began on September 13.

The regional party has been suffering due to an open rebellion by its senior members, like MLA GT Deve Gowda -- who represents the Chamundeshwari constituency in the old Mysuru region, and MLA K Srinivasa Gowda, who is

from Kolar. The two legislators have hinted that they could join the Congress ahead of Assembly elections next year to protect their political future.

Joining this list of disgruntled leaders is former MLA and party senior N H Konareddy, who recently tendered his resignation as party national general secretary owing moral responsibility for the party's debacle in the Hubballi-Dharwad City Corporation elections.

Sensing the danger, Kumaraswamy called him and tried to persuade him not to leave the party.

Konareddy, besides Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti, is a torchbearer for the party in North Karnataka. Horatti too spoke to Konareddy, sources said.

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# Kohli to step down as RCB captain after IPL '21

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VIRAT Kohli's journey as Royal Challengers Bangalore captain will come to an end after the conclusion of the ongoing edition of the Indian Premier League 2021 in the United Arab Emirates.

However, the 32-year-old con-

firmed, on Sunday, that he will 'play only for RCB until retirement'. "It wasn't an easy decision but one that has been well thought of and in the best interest of this wonderful franchise ... As I have mentioned previously on many occasions, I will only play for



RCB until my retirement from the game of cricket," said Kohli, who has failed to win a single IPL title with the franchise so far. He made this official announcement a day before their match against Kolkata Knight Riders in the second leg of the IPL.

I will only play for RCB until my retirement from the game of cricket

Virat Kohli, RCB Captain

## 2 arrested for moral policing in Bengaluru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IN an incident of moral policing in Bengaluru, two youngsters stopped a biker, who was dropping home his woman colleague from another religion, and assaulted him while abusing the woman. Acting swiftly after the video of the incident went viral on social media, the Suddaguntepalya police arrested both the accused within 12 hours.

The incident took place near Dairy Circle on the busy Hosur Road on Friday night around 9 pm. In the video, the miscreants are seen asking the biker why he was dropping a woman belonging to another religion and assaulted him before warning him of dire consequences if he is seen with the woman again.

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## EXPRESS READ

### Mahasabha leader held for threat to CM

MANGALURU: The Mangaluru police have arrested Dharmendra, state general secretary, Akhila Bharatha Hindu Mahasabha, for allegedly issuing death threats to CM Basavaraj Bommai over the demolition of a temple in Nanjangud. P4

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## CITIZENS TURN TO NGT TO SAVE DYING LAKE

The Tribunal has directed KSPCB to look into the problem and submit a report by Oct 22

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

UPSET over the failure of government bodies in protecting water bodies of Bengaluru, citizens and activists approached the National Green Tribunal to save the dying Yele Mallappa Shetty lake.

Acting on the petition, the NGT has now directed and made Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) the nodal agency to form a committee to look into the encroachments, rising pollution levels and other non-environmental activities and submit a report on or before October 22. The NGT directions were issued on September 8 and the locals state that till date, no one has come to inspect the site.

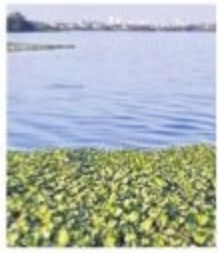
The lake in Survey no 63 of Medahalli village is being used by Karnataka Minor Irrigation Department. The petitioner, Jagann Kumar, stated that many residential apartments and layouts have been established in the area, hence, all the construction debris and waste went into the lake. Not only is

untreated sewage let into the lake, the buffer zone has also been encroached upon, yet action has not been taken.

In the NGT directions, a copy of which is with TNIE, the tribunal sought details of the actual extent of the lake as per original revenue records, encroachment details, whether the pumping station is constructed in the buffer zone and if necessary,

permissions have been taken, details of water quality and details of the environmental damage. According to NGT directions, the committee should include Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru urban, senior Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change officer and senior KSPCB official. Locals stated, "Despite orders, nothing has happened on ground. The government is going slow in its works because it is their own agencies and colleagues who are accused."

KSPCB Member Secretary Srinivasulu said, "The committee was formed three days back and it also comprises of revenue department officials."



The playground for kids studying at Govt. Urdu Higher Primary school, Devasandra, has turned into a dumping yard | SHRIRAM BN

## Govt. schoolchildren lose playground to waste piles

SHRIRAM BN @Bengaluru

FOR the 70-odd children of Government Urdu Higher Primary School in Devasandra, KR Puram, the only piece of vacant land which posed as a playground for them next to their school, has turned into a dumping yard, filled with mammoth piles of waste and garbage.

They are forced to sit in class, enduring the repulsive stench emitted by the garbage, that occupies almost every inch of the ground, once used for physical activities and games.

The school reopened a few days ago and the children, mostly residing close by, now have no space for activities. The vacant land, which is pri-

vate property, is hardly 50 metres from the school. Local residents said the garbage pile has accumulated over four years, and grew faster when the school was forced to remain closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

TNIE visited the school and experienced first-hand the stench that the kids are forced to bear while attending classes. It is not just wet or dry waste - there is e-waste from an electronics goods godown close by, besides sanitary and construction waste.

The smell and flies make the place unhygienic, and when it rains, it's a nightmare for children and teachers, some faculty members said. "Just because it's a government school, children should not be treated

like this. They can easily fall sick," said a local resident.

A bigger threat is the meat waste and offal dumped on the ground by meat shop owners in the area. This attracts dogs - making kids vulnerable - besides leading to eagles swooping down for the meat.

According to locals, for over four years, nothing has been done to clean up the place, despite bringing it to the notice of BBMP officials. Parents and children are now demanding that the ground be cleaned up to let children study and play in a cleaner environment.

BBMP officials, including Joint Commissioner (Solid Waste Management) Sarfaraz Khan, did not respond to calls and messages to them for their comments.

## RV varsity to start courses as per NEP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE@Bengaluru

RV University (RVU) will begin postgraduate (PG) and undergraduate (UG) courses from September 20. In line with the National Education Policy (NEP), the university will offer three interdisciplinary courses for Design, Economics and Finance, and Liberal Arts and Science.

The university is offering 100 per cent scholarships to students who lost one or both parents to Covid-19. Students will be covered under this scholarship in its three schools dealing with Liberal Arts and Sciences, Design and Economics, and Finance. These scholarships will be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis.

As per the institute, students will be exposed to the real world through immersive programmes, case studies, field visits, live projects, and summer as well as autumn internships. In addition to several UG and PG programmes, RVU is offering full-time and part-time Ph.D. programmes in the areas of Law, Social Sciences, Design, Economics, Finance, Management, Film Studies and Public Policy, it added. Prof Y.S.R. Murthy, Founding Vice-Chancellor, RV University, Bengaluru said, RVU is proud to offer world-class education in contemporary streams sought by today's generation. "We have a limited number of seats left and urge students to avail this opportunity before the admission closes."

Prof Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Founding Dean, School of Economics and Finance, RVU, assured the institute is equipped to conduct both online and offline classes.



100% scholarships to students who lost one or both parents to Covid-19

100 scholarships were given in Aug 2021



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## Need to strike balance between nature, development: BU V-C

Bengaluru: Stressing on the need to strike an equilibrium between nature and development, Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor Prof Venugopal K R said, "The universe is a nice composition of environment for the existence of diverse life. He was speaking to



students after inaugurating the 'Ozone Day' programme to observe the 75th year of Independence organised by the university's Department of Environment Science. Prof T R Subramanya, Dean, CMR University School of Legal Studies and former vice-chancellor of the Karnataka State Law University, delivered a special lecture, and enlightened students on various court judgments and principles of treaties regarding the environment. The programme concluded with the planting of saplings by various guests. Department chairperson Dr B C Nagaraj presided over the programme and welcomed the gathering. Dr K L Prakash, Associate Professor, delivered the vote of thanks. Professors from other departments, guest faculty, research scholars and students were present.

## Women bikers lead awareness drive on mother-newborn safety



Women bikers mark 'World Patient Safety Day' organised by Rainbow Children's Hospital at Hebbal in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TO mark World Patient Safety Day, women bikers in the city led a unique motor rally to spread awareness about the safety of mothers and newborns on Airport Road on Sunday. The initiative was organised by Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hebbal.

Over 100 riders including 70 bikers from Special Initiative Riders (Harley Davidson Riders Group) and 20 Jeep drivers

from Bangalore Mudster's (Jeep Owners) were a part of the awareness campaign.

This year, the theme for the World Patient Safety Day is, 'Safe maternal and newborn care,' where the World Health Organisation (WHO) is urging all the stakeholders to 'act now for safe and respectful childbirth'. This year, the focus is on raising awareness among health workers while engaging patients at the global level and stressing on the importance of 'safe maternal and newborn

care'. MLA Krishna Byre Gowda flagged off the motor rally and said, "Bengaluru is probably the foremost biking city in the country and we are all very proud as it shows the diversity of lifestyle of Bangaloreans. I am happy that the bikers have joined hands with Rainbow Children's Hospital to promote this cause of healthcare. I appreciate all the bikers. The bike ride was successful in spreading the important message of patient safety which is a welcome move."

## Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

20<sup>th</sup> September: Venus aligns with mystical Neptune this week, a planetary picture which compounds the rather passionate set of alignments which are shaping current affairs. There will be too many who act first and think later, so it's up to people of goodwill to replace a mood of competition with the spirit of co-operation.

### ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The fascinating relationship between Mars and Uranus may yet prove to mark a turning point in your domestic and family affairs. The way forward at home is through hard work, in professional matters, the key to success lies in adopting a radically different approach.

### TAURUS

(Apr. 21 - May 21)

Financial news could be optimistic, and it may be useful to team up with a partner in a long-planned enterprise. The most important pressures in your chart are social, so you'll mix business with pleasure and cultivate useful contacts. Oh, and give a loved one the benefit of the doubt.

### GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

Interesting news may set you on a new course of action, and you will feel a sense of urgency. Use your imagination and follow hunches, especially if any short journeys are planned. In matters of the heart you're hoping for the best - but you could be too pushy.

### CANCER

(June 22 - July 23)

The current planetary patterns seem to be definitely beneficial, even though you may come close to despairing of a particular person. Bear in mind that other people are just incapable of committing themselves at the moment - and wait until the time is right.

### LEO

(July 24 - Aug. 23)

There's a lot of energy around, and there's no reason why you shouldn't achieve your aims. If you're in the property market, a little lateral or creative thinking should help cut through entrenched problems. And a word of advice - don't feel rushed into making practical choices.

### VIRGO

(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

This is unlikely to be a restful day. The planets are putting pressure on everyone, although from your point of view this is all very positive. Try socialising with colleagues you'd normally ignore. You might even consider welcoming rivals into your closest circle.

### LIBRA

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

You'll only be as busy as you want to be, so arrange your schedule to suit your needs rather than those of friends and associates. There is every sign that decisions taken now will work out as planned, but only if you're sensitive about putting them into practice.

### SCORPIO

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

The accent is on domestic improvements. If only at the planning stage. There's much to be said for taking a radical approach, even though this may not be well received by your more cautious relatives. The other factor you have to bear in mind is that children and younger relations require still more of your time.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

If travel is on the horizon, please get arrangements tidied up as soon as possible. Recent conditions may have been a little stressful, although by now you should have got the hang of your new responsibilities and duties. You will have implemented all necessary changes by the beginning of next week.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Career-wise, you're in for a busy time although your attention may be drawn more and more towards emotional complications and personal relationships. You must ask yourself what it is exactly that you want from a certain person - and then work out how you can get it.

### AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Lively conditions continue, although there's no reason to join in co-operative activities if you've something better to do. Disagreements will be made up with just a little effort and attention in the right quarters. Throwing money at problems may also help!

### PISCES

(Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

Catch up on all routine chores and you might achieve more than you intended. You may even get ahead of yourself, in which case you'll be thankful for your foresight when pressures build up, possibly before the end of the week. And a word of warning - don't take partners for granted!

### THE PHANTOM



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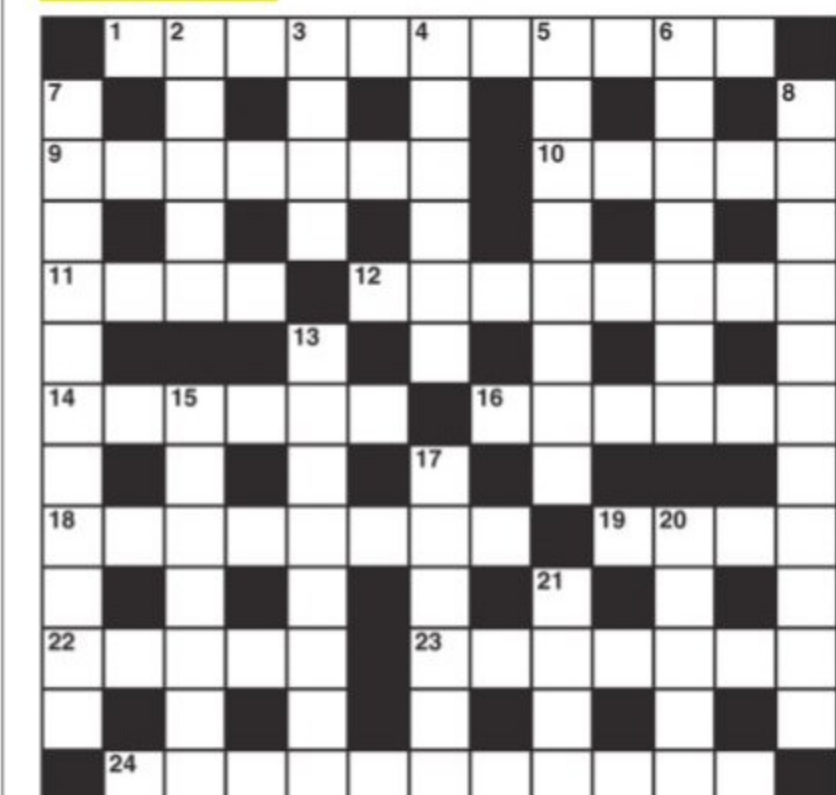
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### CROSS WORD



### ACROSS

- An order for liqueur (11)
- Love cereal if put inside the mouth (7)
- Odd sailor returns to the dance (5)
- Plenty of things to buy (4)
- Delay by putting the date in wrongly (6)
- Weapon that is a double-edged knife (5)
- A lot may be gained from such a voice (4)

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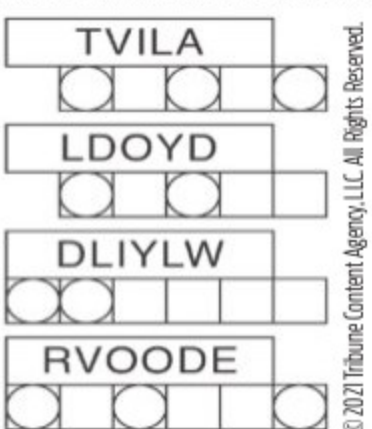
- Be quick (5)
- Get out of this (4)
- It's freezing in North America (6)
- Rows about stray dogs (8)
- A ruthless overtake from Meissen (7)
- Office furniture that heads the list? (4-3-4)
- Flighty artist's model (7-4)
- Normal if in casual fashion (8)
- Leaving things late? (7)
- Delay by putting the date in wrongly (6)
- Weapon that is a double-edged knife (5)
- A lot may be gained from such a voice (4)

### SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Parley, 4 Trollope, 9 Castor, 10 Academic, 12 Fore, 13 Tempo, 14 Alps, 17 Sick and tired, 20 Return ticket, 23 Hoes, 24 Rest, 25 Span, 28 Evildoer, 29 Troika, 30 Danseuse, 31 Begged.  
Down: 1 Padfoot, 2 Restrict, 3 Eos, 5 Receptionist, 6 Lido, 7 Omicron, 8 Bore, 11 Headquarters, 15 Skipper, 19 Standard, 21 Shrewd, 22 Design, 26 Edge, 27 Free

### JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.  
ANSWERS TOMORROW  
SATURDAY'S Jumbles: SENSE: GUMBO DAINITY MATRIX  
ANSWER: They were willing to wait in line to see the show because they'd heard it was - OUTSTANDING

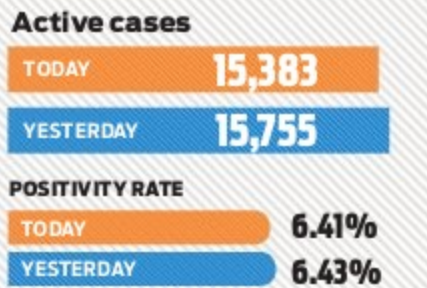
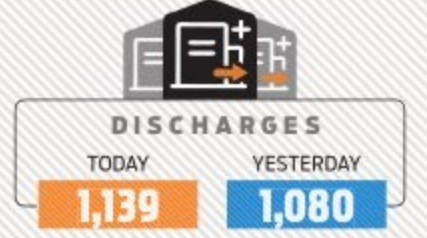




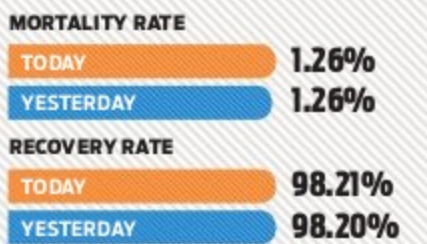
## SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA



The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until September 19, 2021, a total of **29,67,866** cases have been reported in 1 year and 194 days...



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## DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

**267** BENGALURU URBAN

**9** BENGALURU RURAL

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Bagalkot         | 0  |
| Ballari          | 3  |
| Belagavi         | 15 |
| Bidar            | 1  |
| Chamarajanagar   | 4  |
| Chikkaballapur   | 1  |
| Chikkamagaluru   | 36 |
| Chitradurga      | 13 |
| Dakshina Kannada | 97 |
| Davanagere       | 6  |
| Dharwad          | 2  |
| Gadag            | 3  |
| Hassan           | 34 |
| Haveri           | 1  |
| Kalaburagi       | 3  |
| Kodagu           | 41 |
| Kolar            | 2  |
| Koppal           | 0  |
| Mandya           | 13 |
| Mysuru           | 69 |
| Raichur          | 0  |
| Ramanagara       | 0  |
| Shivamogga       | 28 |
| Tumakuru         | 23 |
| Udupi            | 82 |
| Uttara Kannada   | 29 |
| Vijayapura       | 1  |
| Yadgir           | 0  |

# Watch out, new bug mimics dengue

Doctors opine viral infection could be vector-borne disease; patients worry it is Covid-19

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

WITH a change in season, doctors are seeing a high number of cases of viral infection, many of these are viral fever along with thrombocytopenia, a condition in which the platelet count drops.

Generally, this fever is often mistaken for dengue, as it has the same clinical features, but the patient tests negative for dengue. Many patients get confused and worried, say doctors, pointing out that those who live close to construction sites or industrial areas are more prone to the infection as it could also be a vector-borne disease and mosquitoes breed in such places.

Dr Brunda MS, Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital, said, "Low platelet count does not mean you have dengue, other viral infections may also cause a decrease in platelet count. Patients with symptoms are advised to undergo a platelet count test. Most of the time, viral infection mimics dengue, and the line of management is similar. Haemogram (complete blood count test) along with dengue NS1 antigen tests are recommended. If the test comes positive, dengue can be confirmed."

Dr Irfan Javed Khazi, Senior Consultant - Internal Medicine,

Columbia Asia, Hebbal (Manipal Hospitals) pointed out that he has been seeing cases of viral fever with low platelet count, in one in every five patients.

"The common symptoms are myalgia, fever, headache, sometimes associated with upper respiratory infection and GI symptoms. Breathing in airborne droplets contaminated with virus and contaminated water with viruses can result in the viral fever with thrombocytopenia. This is mostly seen in the adolescent age group and till the age of 70," said

Dr Khazi. Meanwhile, Dr S N Aravinda, Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster RV Hospital, stated that people with viral fever symptoms are more worried that it is a sign of Covid.

## Weather change

"The sudden change in weather, and people going out for small get-togethers during weekends are probably the cause for the increase in viral fever cases. Both paediatric and adult cases of viral fever are seen in the OPD," he said.

Normal viral fever treatment are given to patients, with supportive care through IV fluids and paracetamol. In case of any complications in the lungs, kidneys and liver dysfunction, treatment varies accordingly.



Morning walkers at Madiwala Lake in Bengaluru on Sunday, after it reopened following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

## SEASONAL RESPIRATORY VIRUS AFFECTING KIDS: DOCS

PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi

An old viral enemy has made a quiet comeback in Udupi. Cases of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection among kids are being reported in the district, and paediatric departments in hospitals have begun reporting a rise in cases. Dr Leslie Edward S Lewis, Head of Department of Paediatrics, Kasturba Hospital, Manipal, told The New Indian Express that four to five RSV positive cases are admitted every week at Kasturba Hospital, Manipal, and the children require hospitalisation for about a week. Those who need breathing assistance are provided non-invasive ventilation, however, there is no need for anxiety, he said. Generally, RSV leads to nothing more than cold-like misery, runny nose and cough. However, for kids below the age of one year, it can trigger lung infections. "All children who had RSV are fine. Most of them were treated in the OPD and some required hospital admission, but no mortalities were reported," said Dr Nagarathna, who is the district surveillance officer in Udupi, reassuring that RSV is a seasonal viral disease and people need not be anxious.

# WOMEN GIVE REGULAR PAP SMEAR TESTS A MISS DURING COVID

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

A crucial tool for screening cervical cancer, inflammation, and infection, pap smears are regular tests women undertake to keep a check on their health. However, the pandemic has resulted in this aspect being ignored owing to lockdown, travel restrictions, and general hesitancy surrounding Covid-19.

At Motherhood Hospitals, doctors have witnessed a 50%

drop in women turning up for pap smears. "Pap smears detect inflammation, an early sign of cervical cancer, where-in the test tells us if the cells are abnormal. It will also help us understand what the next course of treatment should be. This cancer can be caught early and treated this way. Even simple infections involving yeast or bacteria can be found through the test," said Dr Suhasini Inam-

dar, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Motherhood Hospitals. If this trend continues, in coming times we will only see late diagnosis of gynecological issues. The consequence of late detection and treatment of cervical cancer can result in the removal of uterus, ovaries, tubes, cervix, and lymph nodes. Early treatment, however, will lead to the patient undergoing chemotherapy,

radiation, and removal of only the part of the cervix that is affected, making the overall disease easier to deal with.

Now, that Covid-19 cases have dipped, women should resume their pap smear tests, Dr Inamdar advised. She said it is necessary for those who are below the age of 40 and sexually active to take the test once every two years.

Along with people voluntarily coming forward for the test, doctors also use this as an op-

portunistic screening tool in their patients, said Dr Lavanya Kiran, Senior Consultant-OBG, Fertility Specialist, Robotic Surgeon, IVF Unit in-charge, Narayana Health City. This means that the option would be advised to those coming in for other reasons such as pre-conception or post-delivery appointments, white discharge, contraception, irregular cycles, etc.

"Earlier, 20-25 women would undertake pap smear test in a

month. This has now come down to 10-15, which are cases of opportunistic screening. Those coming forward for the test on their own has dropped to less than five. It helps detect cervical cancer; 5 to 10 years earlier. We recommend those who are sexually active to go for it... once in three years," said Dr Kiran. The procedure takes 2-3 minutes, where a speculum is used to take cells of the cervix out as samples, to be sent for screening.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CHANGE OF NAME

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**I, PAPPU KUMAR, S/o Sri** Shatrudhan Mandal, aged about 27 years, R/A No. F-11, 16th Main, Kamangaondanahalli, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru-560015, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PAPPU MANDAL** to **PAPPU KUMAR**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **PAPPU KUMAR** only, vide affidavit dated 24-08-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASH C** at Bangalore.

##### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, ABDUL KHADER JAILANI** GOUSUBAB MISRIKOTI, S/o Gouse Moddin Desai, Misrikoti, R/o No. 87, Gouse Building, Post Office Road, Opp. ICICI ATM, Chikkabidarakallu, Nagasandra, Bengaluru-560073, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GOUSE MISRIKOTI** to **ABDUL KHADER JAILANI** GOUSUBAB MISRIKOTI, vide affidavit dated 18-09-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA** at Bangalore.

##### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, HUMAYUN, S/o Late** Abdul Azeem, resident of No. 68, M.R. Lane, Nalbandwadi, Bengaluru-560 053 have changed my name to **IKRAMUL HAQ @ HUMAYUN**, vide affidavit dated: 18/09/2021, sworn before Notary **Hafeezulla Khan M.**, Bengaluru.

##### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, PREETHEESH SHETTY, S/o** Late Jagannath Shetty, aged 30 years, R/A No. 54, Kajane, Shivapura Road, Udupi District, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PREETHEESH** to **PREETHEESH SHETTY**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **PREETHEESH SHETTY** only, vide affidavit dated 18-09-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at Bangalore.

##### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, FARAH GALARIA @ FARAH** NAAZ KHAN, W/o. Md. Javed Galaria, Aged about 39 years, Residing at No. 19, Sadaath Residency, Flat No. 302, 3rd Floor, 5th Cross, H.M. Road, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore - 560 084, have changed my name from **FARAH NAAZ KHAN** to **FARAH GALARIA** vide affidavit dated 18.09.2021 sworn before K.C. Gowthami, Advocate & Notary Public, Bangalore.

##### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, LATHA GOPALAKRISHNA, W/o** M.V. Gopalakrishna, R/o. No. 5/34, 'Ananya', 9th Main, AGS Layout, Areehali, Bengaluru-560061, have changed my name from **SRILATHA** to **LATHA GOPALAKRISHNA**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **LATHA GOPALAKRISHNA** only, vide affidavit dated 18.09.2021, sworn before Bharati Patil, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

##### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, VENUGOPAL K. S/o** M. Krishnappa aged about 39 years, residing at No.485, Krishnagar main road, near chikka devasandra govt school, devasandra, Krishnarajapuram, bengaluru-560036, I have changed my minor daughter's Name from **PRAKRUTHI K.V. to NAVISHKA RIVA K.V.** vide affidavit dated 18.09.2021 sworn before Notary **V.V. SHANKAR**, Bangalore.

##### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Manjunath. H.P.** Residing at No.455, 8th Cross, 10th Main, Maruthi Layout, Bangalore North, Kalyan Nagar, Post, Bangalore-560 043. Hereby declare that, I have changed my minor daughter's name from **'H.M. MOKSHA'** to **'H.M. MOKSHITHA'** vide Affidavit dated 24.07.2021, Sworn before Advocate Notary Public **B.Sehasgini**, Bangalore.

##### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, (OLD NAME) LAKSHMI PRABHA SETHURAO** W/o N. Badri, Residing at No. 368, Flat No. 201, 2nd Floor, 13th Cross, 3rd Block, BEL Layout, Vidyanarayana, Bangalore - 560 097 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) LAKSHMI PRABHA SETHURAO** to **(NEW NAME) LAKSHMI PRABHA BADRI** vide affidavit dated 14.09.2021 sworn before Notary **D.S Chandrakanth**, Bangalore.

##### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, SHARVARI NIKHAL, D/o** Mr. Anil Nikhal, age 39 years, R/at 45 Das Villa, 5th Cross, 5th Main, Kormangala 3rd Block, Bangalore-560 034, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHARVARI A THORPHE** to **SHARVARI NIKHAL**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHARVARI NIKHAL** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th Sept. 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ANITHA BAI** at Bangalore.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my client **Mr. Anand N.** is mortgaging to ICICI HFC the Property bearing Eastern Half Portion of Northern Side of Assessment No.60 Measuring East to West 25 ft North to South 16 ft total 400 sq ft out of 60x32 ft Situated at Malagalli Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk.

If any person having right, title, interest or Objection in the schedule property must notify the undersigned documentary proof, thereon Within 07 days of this publication filing which it shall be deemed that the schedule property is not encumberance and my client shall be proceed within transaction.

**Deepa A.M.** Advocate KAR/47/2012 No.6, Bhumiika, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout, Bangalore 560040. Bangalore Dated: 18.09.2021

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The family of **Mataiah & Munigamma** of Solur Village, Solur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramangara District have passed the property land bearing **Sy No. 210/3** measuring to an extent of **1 acres 28 guntas** and the Khattha of the said property was presently stands in the name of **Nagaraju M. S/o. Muniswamiiah**. My client by name **Sri. Venkatachalaiah S/o. Muddarangaiah** resident of Solur Village, Solur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramangara District is intend to purchase the said property and one **Gangadharu Raja S/o. Rajanna** was also consented for the same. In this regard there is any objections from the legal heirs may submit their objection to the advocate **Smt. H. Sahana Pandith, Advocate, Magadi Ph. No: 9731713698** within 15 days from this paper publication.

**H.SAHANA PANDITH, BA., LB** Advocate & Legal Advisor

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Sri. Jagadish V. S/o. Late Venkateshji** Manager of **M/s. PLEASANT VALLEY DEVELOPMENT PVT. LTD.**, A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, hereby is registered office at: No.30 church street, Off M.G. Road, Bangalore-560 001 has lost the Original un-registered Agreement to sell & construction Agreement dated 05.08.2016 executed by 'M/s Karle Homes Pvt Ltd' with regard to Property being Flat No.B1103 situated at Nagavara village Kasaba hobli Bangalore North Taluk. My client has also filed Police Complaint regarding the same as per police lost report No.0052233 dated:17-09-2021. It is hereby informed to the general public that who ever finds the above mentioned Agreement to sell & construction Agreement may hand over the same to me in the below mentioned address. General Public are hereby warned that any transaction whatsoever with respect to schedule property will be invalid and not binding on my client and Mr. Rahul Thadani. No other person except my client has any right title of interest or charge or claim of any nature in relation to the Agreement to sell & construction Agreement dated 05.08.2016.

**SCHEDULE:** All that Residential Apartment bearing No B1103 on the 11th floor of B wing in the karle Zenith, measuring 2427 sqft of superbuilt area with two covered car parking space in Basement Level 3, bearing No 22623 and Apartment is bounded by: East by: Flat No B1104, West by: Open Space, North by: Open Space, South by: Lift Lobby/Staircase.

**M. SATISH BABU**, Advocate SES Law Associates, Advocates, No. 335/5, S.V.Complex, 1st Floor, 13th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Mr. ABHILASH KRISHNAN URUAI KANDU** Krishna Unai Kand, No.283, 12th 'A' Main, 21st Cross, HSR Layout 7th Street, Bangalore-102, has entered into an Agreement of Sale with **MR.PRADEEP KENNETH DANIELS** Site Late K. V. Daniels, No.98, Ferns Meadows, Bilshivale, Bidarhalli Hobli, Bangalore, to purchase the Schedule Property hereunder and if any person's have any manner of rights, interests, claims or objections of whatsoever nature can lodge their claims with the undersigned along with substantial documents within 15 Days from this notice and if no claims are lodged within the specified period, it will be deemed that the above mentioned person is the sole and absolute Owner of the said Property and my client will proceed to conclude the sale transaction and register the sale deed.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Residential Premises being Ground & First Floors built on Site No.98, BBMP Khatla No.157/98, old Khatla No.157/122, **FERNS MEADOWS**, Bilshivale, Bidarhalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (earlier Bangalore South Taluk) presently BBMP Ward No.54-Hoodi, Bangalore, measuring East: 80 Ft, West: 80 Ft, North: 50 Ft, and South: 50 Ft, totalling measuring 4000 Sq. Ft. and bounded on the East by: Private Road; West by: Site No.95; North by: Site No.99; and South by: Site No.97;

### SCHEDULE

**T.M.SYED AFZAL AHMED** (Advocate) No.15/1-A, Late Masjid Connaught, Jummah Masjid Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560 051, M: 9845546676 / 9486001156

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the clients **Mrs. P. VISHNI PRYANKA NAIDU**, D/o Late Parthasarathy Luxman Naidu W/o Mr. Lokesh H. Ravi, No. 1201/1714, House No. 3, Chikkagolaraiahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru 560 056 & Mrs. P. SHYAMA LADAMINI D/o Late Parthasarathy Luxman Naidu W/o Mr. Vinodh Kannan, Aged about 36 years, R/at No.264, Saestri Street, Premier Mills, Poongannagar, Othskalmandiramb, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu-641320, are owners of property bearing residential Flat No.D4, in 4th Floor, 'MALAND CASTLE' Apartment, Having Super Built Up Area 1206 Sq.ft. Two Bed Rooms having his BBMP Property No. 668/667/Flat No. D4 along with 602 Sq.ft. undivided share which is built on Site No. 11 & 12 HUSB Khatla No. 286/2 & 264/3, situated at Abbaiah Reddy lay-out, Kagadadasura, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru ("Schedule Property"). Further client represented that they have lost original registered Sale Deed dated 16.02.2004, as Document No. BNGUKKP 24027/2003-04, Book-1, C.D. No. KRID2, 11 Pages, registered before the Sub-registrar, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru, and clients have lodged FIR on 18-09-2021 vide e-lost portal, Lost Report No. 52719.

Our clients further instructed that they are intend to sell the aforesaid Flat No. D4, to One Mr. Infant Prem Kumar S/o Indraya Raj Prabhu, and all parties are already executed Agreement to Sell dated 08/09/2021.

If any persons found said original Sale Deed dated 16.02.2004, please contact or inform the below mentioned persons and also anybody having any interest or disputes over the schedule property may inform/ contact the under signed within 7 days from the date of issuance of this notice.

**K.E. JAGADEESHA**, Advocate No. 14, 2nd Floor, S.R. Building, 9th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru - 02. Mob: 9880982618 Place: Bengaluru Dated: 18.09.2021

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### e-Procurement Notice

Lr. No.: MKTG/M2/OSB/KMS/2021-22 Dt. 18.09.2021 Tenders for supply of serviceable old 50kg gunnies to be delivered at various buffer godowns/MLSP/PPCs of TSCSCL in the Districts of Telangana State for Packaging of Paddy during KMS 2021-22 are being called for through Govt. of Telangana e-procurement platform. Prebid meeting will be held on 25.09.2021. Tenders will be opened for Technical Scrutiny on 30.09.2021 at 12.00 p.m. onwards and RFP can be downloaded from <https://eprocurement.telanganagov.in> & [www.tscscl.telanganagov.in](http://www.tscscl.telanganagov.in). Contact details : 7995050702, 7995050754 & +9140-33762222.23. Sd/- Vice Chairman & Managing Director

DIPR No.: 2158-PP/CIL-Agency/Adv/11/2021-22

### AMRITHAGIRI ECOLIFE PRIVATE LIMITED

Registered office: S-106, Santamonica, First floor, South Block, Manipal Center, 47 Dickenson Road, Bangalore Bangalore KA 560042. Ph: +91 8544996970, e-mail: [efa@santamonica.in](mailto:efa@santamonica.in) CIN: U74900KA2012PTC066483

**BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SOUTH EAST REGION, HYDERABAD**

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section 13(4) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 30(f) of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND

In the matter of Amrithagiri Ecolife Private Limited having its registered office at S-106, Santamonica, First floor, South Block, Manipal Center, 47 Dickenson Road, Bangalore Bangalore KA 560042

.....Petitioner

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make an application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra ordinary General Meeting held on 11 September, 2021 to enable the company to change its registered office from "state of Karnataka" to "state of Kerala".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director, South East Region, 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhawan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattannaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500 068, Telangana within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the petitioner company at its registered office at S-106, Santamonica, First floor, South Block, Manipal Center, 47 Dickenson Road, Bangalore Bangalore KA 560042.

**For and on behalf of the Board Amrithagiri Ecolife Private Limited (Sd/-)** Jyothisha Denny Thomas Director DIN: 02799486

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**LOST OF DOCUMENT** My client **Smt. Swathi Kadur** D/o Shyamansunder Kadur aged about 38 years R/A 214, BEML layout, 3rd stage Rajanageshwari Nagar, Bangalore 560008. Has lost her original SALE DEED Document registered number RRN-1-00100 of 2013-14, which was registered at Sub Registrar, Rajanageshwari Nagar on 08/04/2013, the document is pertaining to the property number 41st, Vasu Lavender 2, within the composite and contiguous properties bearing BBMP Amalgamated Khatla No. 257/11/61 situated at Mysuramanna village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Kengeri Sub Division BBMP Bangalore, totalling measuring 89303.56 sqft and bounded on:-

**East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** 50 feet Road, **South by:** Road and Private Property.

Police complaint has been lodged vide Lost report number BB62552021 dated 15/09/2021. Any person get the aforesaid documents may return the same to the undersigned.

Sd/-

**R.Praveen Kumar Advocate**, No 53/2, 2nd floor, Mount joy cross Road, Behind Nijandura kshethra, Bell Temple Road, Hanumanthnagar, Bangalore 560019. Mob 9342818554

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients are intending to purchase the property bearing present BBMP Khatla No. 3, PID No.54-325-3, BDA Site No. 236, old Site No.17, portion of Earlier No.4 situated at 9th main road, Srinivas Nagar, BSK 3rd stage, Old Ward No.54, New Ward No.163, Bangalore, (Previously Geranihalli, Gavipura, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), described as the schedule property from (1) **Smt. KANAKAMMA**, aged about 82 years, wife of late Varadachandra Naidu, (2) **Sri.VENKATESH**, aged about 54 years, son of late Varadachandra Naidu, both are residing at No.236, 8th main road, BSK 1st stage, Srinivasnagar, Bangalore -560 090, (3) **Smt.PRABHAWATHI**, aged about 62 years, wife of Sri. Sundarababu, daughter of late Varadachandra Naidu, residing at 11/4A, BalaNagar, Muggappalli East, Ambatur, Trivulur, Tamil Nadu - 620 037 and (4) **Smt. NAMARAWATHI**, aged about 57 years, wife of Sri. Narasimulu, daughter of late Varadachandra Naidu, residing at No.13/11, Hanumanthnagar Koli Santhu, Kovalahachadi, Chennai - 600001, Tamil Nadu.

The public is hereby informed that if anybody have any objections for the above said sale, they may file their objections along with the related documents to the undersigned within two weeks from the date of this publication. If no objections have been received within the above time, my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property out of schedule property as nobody have any objections.

### SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present BBMP Khat





## Vibrant democracy in BJP

If Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is known for paying attention to detail, senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and Rajya Sabha member **Subramanian Swamy** is known for his hard-hitting comments. The two leaders from the ruling party were at loggerheads over the price rise issue. During the debate on prices in the assembly, the chief minister termed the senior BJP leader a "freelance politician" who time and again criticised the parties he represented. Bommai was reacting to Opposition leader Siddaramaiah's statements, referring to Swamy's comments on rising prices. The CM's remarks drew a sharp reaction from BJP veteran Swamy, who hit back, saying he had become a six-term MP and minister "by propagating the truth essential for a vibrant democracy".

## For DKS, it is party first, politics later

When former Union minister Oscar Fernandes passed away on September 13, after being hospitalised for nearly two months, it was KPCC president DK Shivakumar who dropped his legislative duties and rushed to Mangaluru to comfort the family in this hour of grief. He had the body embalmed and flown to Bengaluru, where he arranged for public darshan of the nine-time parliamentarian. The Kanakapura MLA stayed away from the assembly, preferring to slip into the role of the 'nisthavantha' loyal and committed party worker.

## Bommai to do a Stalin on fuel prices?

The transport community is keeping close tabs on the ongoing Karnataka assembly proceedings, apart from checking the petrol and diesel price ticker, of course. Goods carrier drivers, who would get two or three hire trips from industries in Peenya, are now finding it tough to get even one. To cut down costs due to the spike in fuel prices, some industries have arranged their own transport. So goods drivers, in their abundant free time, have started following politics. Jayarama claimed he watched the price rise debate raised by Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah, and was impressed by JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy's concern. "Monday, I'm expecting Chief Minister **Basavaraj Bommai**'s reaction. Will Bommai do a Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin?" Unlikely, we say.

## No one wants this crocodile

In March 2020, a man who ventured into the Tungabhadra river for a swim, became live game for a crocodile at Siruguppa in Ballari district. The government had promised to capture the reptile and save humans. Some crocodile tears flowed, but nothing happened on the ground. Ruling BJP MLA M S Somalingappa took up the issue in the House, saying, "It is huge -- 9-11 feet long and weighs 5 to 7 tonnes. It should be caught and shifted to an ocean." To this, Forest Minister Umesh Katti said his constituency (Hukkeri) has three river beds and crocodiles. "People should learn to live cautiously," Katti said, but Somalingappa insisted that it was impossible for farmers to go their fields on the islands. Sandur Congress MLA E Tukaram raised some laughter, as he joked, "Catch the crocodile and leave it in the minister's constituency!"

## Rahu kaala is over, Speaker to Revanna

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister KS Eshwarappa on Thursday placed the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill, requesting the Legislative Assembly to pass it. The government was in a hurry to push the bill through, as it had to be placed before the Council on Friday, and the High Court on Monday. The Opposition Congress won't buy time as most of the party's senior members were at the funeral of former Union minister Oscar Fernandes. Meanwhile, **HD Revanna** from the JDS sought time and urged the minister to take up the bill later. To which Assembly Speaker Vishveshwara Hegde Kageri told Revanna that "Rahu kaala has passed, and there is no hurdle to pass the bill. Why do you bother?" A tongue-in-cheek reference to Revanna's penchant for clock-watching, and setting his itinerary to the auspicious hour, down to the minute and second.

# Cabinet meet today, to discuss mayoral polls

Temple demolition issue likely to come up; Bypolls to two Assembly seats, MLC elections on top of agenda

**BANSY KALAPPA**  
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THE holding of the contentious Kalaburagi city mayoral and deputy mayoral elections, besides Hubballi-Dharwad and Belagavi, and reservation to the posts, will be discussed at the cabinet meeting on Monday morning, in the backdrop of the legislative session.

The cabinet is due to meet at 9am, and this is the third such meeting after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai took charge. Among other issues, it is slated to discuss prepared-

ness for elections to 25 MLC seats where local bodies are the constituents, which are scheduled to be held in about 10 weeks.

It will also decide on holding elections to the post of president and vice-president of local bodies, besides preparedness for the Sindagi and Hanagali bypolls.

The ministers are also expected to discuss the controversial Nanjangud temple demolition issue. They will take up stopping the flow of sewage water into Malathahalli Lake in Bengaluru, at a cost



of Rs 22.4 crore, under the Shubra Bengaluru scheme.

The cabinet will consider the proposal to make a techni-

cal education diploma, that is being offered for a period of three years, equivalent to PU. The research wing of the forensic sciences department of the state police had been seeking some changes, and these are being executed by way of amendments.

The cabinet will also take up dismissal of M S Meti, executive officer of Kalghatagi Taluk Panchayat, who was recommended for dismissal after serious charges and an inquiry by the Upa Lokayukta. Administrative approval for the minor irrigation drinking water

scheme of 17 villages around Untajji of Muddebihal taluk of Vijayapura, at a cost of Rs 38.78 crore, is also likely to figure during the meeting.

Among other issues will be a welfare scheme to provide essential kits to ST students studying for pre-matriculation and post-matriculation, at a cost of Rs 69.49 crore; administrative approval for extension of lease to First Grade College, Veerashaiva Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Munirabad, Vijayanagar district, with its 30-year lease having expired.

# Bommai blames officials for razing temple in Nanjangud

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PUTTING the onus of the Nanjangud temple demolition on officials, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said it was their hasty decision which hurt people's sentiments. Steps were taken to raze temples without thinking about the societal consequences, he added.

Speaking after inaugurating the state executive committee meeting, he said this had disrupted peace in society. "The removal of structures at Nanjangud has hurt the feelings of devotees. I have discussed the issue with legal experts, and steps will be taken to bring truce and overcome legal and administrative problems," Bommai said.

He said that all these issues will be sorted out within the legal framework at the earliest, and will not occur in future. The government protects the interests of the public, so razing of temples has been stopped. All these issues will be sorted out with advice from party seniors, Bommai added.

Taking a dig at the Congress, Bommai said the present-day



Former chief minister BS Yediyurappa being welcomed at the BJP state executive committee meeting in Davanagere on Sunday

Congress has no ideology or theory. "They don't have a vision for the development of the country. It was Mahatma Gandhi who wanted the Congress party dissolved post Independence. But the Congress party continued. The vision of a democratic Gandhi is different from the autocratic Gandhi," he said.

By contrast, the BJP has leaders who can steer the party to victory on their own, and leaders are selected on the basis of their appeal to the public, so we got strong leaders like BS Yediyurappa, but Congress does not

have such strong regional leaders, he said.

BJP is the only party with booth level workers from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, and strongly believes in maintaining democracy, Bommai said, adding that democracy is alive in the BJP, and all are participants.

The CM said the party will consider all elections seriously, right from cooperative societies to Parliament, and the victory march started with the Mysuru mayoral polls, will continue in Kalaburagi, Belagavi, Hubballi and Dharwad.

# AFTER YEDIYURAPPA, BOMMAI TOO SAYS WILL TOUR STATE

**BANSY KALAPPA** @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai threw a surprise on Sunday, announcing that he will go on a statewide tour, like his mentor and predecessor BS Yediyurappa.

Asked about the two BJP heavyweights taking up such tours, BJP senior leaders said that Yediyurappa, along with party state president Nalin Kumar Kanteel, senior leader DV Sadananda Gowda and former chief minister Jagadish Shettar, is aiming at strengthening the party ahead of the Assembly elections next year, while

Bommai will only focus on stimulating the administrative apparatus of districts.

They pointed out that Bommai has already been touring several districts and has recently visited Haveri, Belagavi, Uttara Kannada and Mysore districts. His tours will be administrative, and not political, in nature. There is no confusion between his and Yediyurappa's tours.

Political analyst BS Murthy said, "Looks like, the tours of both Bommai and Yediyurappa will start after the Assembly session. Will Yediyurappa's tour be undermined, because

of all the media attention the Bommai's tour will obviously get? The recent statement by Yediyurappa that Modi's name alone cannot win elections is also a concern for the BJP as 25 Legislative Council seats go to polls in around three months. It is a testing time for Bommai as Yediyurappa's tour could pose a challenge for the party and administration."

While there have been concerns about the party deliberately sidelining Yediyurappa, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said, "Yediyurappa is our party's leader, there are no attempts to sideline him."

## BJP meet praises Modi, Bommai

DAVANAGERE: The BJP state executive committee meeting on Sunday congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving full powers to the state government to include castes in OBC. Passing a resolution to this effect, the committee said the move will help in empowering the OBCs and allows the state government to take quick decisions. The meeting also discussed reservation to Panchamasalis and Kurubas and increasing quotas to STs. Another resolution was passed to hail Modi's Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas decision. The decision congratulating CM Basavaraj Bommai was passed with a full majority. The chief minister's decisions to provide scholarships to the children of farmers and increasing the monetary benefits for pensioners were welcomed by the delegates.

## Simha: CM to lay foundation to reconstruct temple

MYSURU: CM Basavaraj Bommai has said he will take part in the groundbreaking ceremony for the reconstruction of Mahadevamma temple that was demolished by the authorities at Huchaguni village of Nanjangud taluk. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha on Sunday said Bommai told the BJP state executive meeting in Davanagere that the temple will be built away from the earlier spot. Bommai said that if there is no provision to build the temple with government funds, the BJP, pro-Hindu organisations and others will contribute for its reconstruction.

## POLITICAL GAME

# BJP minister, others in touch with us: DKS

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RESPONDING to a statement that around 20 Congress MLAs are in touch with BJP, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar on Sunday said that a minister from the BJP is in touch with the Congress.

The Kanakapura MLA said that the minister has been in

touch with former Ballari Member of Parliament VS Ugrappa.

When contacted about the identity of the minister, Ugrappa refused to divulge the details, saying, "I will not reveal any details at this time. There are many who are dissatisfied with the BJP and are in touch with the Con-

gress." It is being discussed within Congress circles that many of those who left Congress and Janata Dal-Secular to join BJP are extremely dissatisfied and have been expressing their dissatisfaction privately. Two former independent legislators, H Nagesh and R Shankar, too are unhappy that they have been left out of the ministry, sources said.



# 'Can't rule out JDS forming alliance with AAP, AIMIM'

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THOUGH Konareddy, while talking to *The New Indian Express*, denied that he would leave the party and join Congress, he did say, "Leader of Opposition and former chief minister Siddaramaiah has been fond of me since his days in JDS," leaving a lot to guesswork. Senior Congress leader Allam Veerabhadraappa, who

heads the committee to screen newcomers to the party, said many JDS leaders from North Karnataka want to join Congress as they do not see a future for JDS. "But Konareddy joining us has not been discussed yet," he clarified.

The developments within JDS may also have an impact on the elections to mayor and deputy mayor posts in the Kalaburagi City Corporation,

which has thrown a hung House. Congress has won 27 seats, BJP 23, JDS four and independent one. The four JDS corporators have won mostly from the 'secular' vote base as two of them are from the Muslim community and one a Dalit.

Yet, Kumaraswamy may take the risk and support BJP. Developments like Chief Min-

ister Basavaraj Bommai calling on JDS patriarch HD Deve Gowda and Kumaraswamy leading a delegation of his party MLAs to the chief minister on the day of corporation poll results indicate that BJP is not averse to JDS. Already, the two parties are in alliance at the Mysuru City Corporation. "But if Kumaraswamy con-

tinues to be soft on BJP, especially in North Karnataka, it may boomerang as some of the partymen may join Congress," said a senior party leader from North Karnataka. Political analyst Sagheer Ahmed said that the chances of JDS forming a pre-poll alliance with parties like AIMIM and AAP cannot be ruled out to make up for the loss of its leaders, who switch over to Congress.

# Mahasabha leader held for issuing death threat to CM

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THE Mangaluru police have arrested **Dharmendra**, state general secretary, Akhila Bharatha Hindu Mahasabha, under various sections of the IPC, including that of promoting enmity between different religions and criminal conspiracy, for allegedly issuing death threats to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai over the recent demolition of a temple in Nanjangud.

Three other members of the Mahasabha have also been taken into custody.

Dharmendra, in a press conference on Saturday, had warned the BJP State Government of "teaching a lesson" adding that they "didn't even spare Mahatma Gandhi". After his statement was criticised, Dharmendra apologised.

On Saturday evening, a person named Dr Lohith Kumar (38) lodged a complaint

against Dharmendra, Rajesh Pavithran, Sandeep Shetty Adka, Prem Polali, Kamalaksha Padil, Sudhakar Shetty, Praveen Shetty and Ullal—who were part of the press meet.

In his complaint, Dr Lohith said that he has been working

as state president of the Mahasabha since 2019. "Rajesh and Dharmendra, who were expelled from the organisation, and Sandeep were misusing the name of the Mahasabha and spreading false information. They also misused the name of the organisation using letterhead and held a press conference and were conspiring to disrupt communal harmony," he said.

Mangaluru Police Commissioner N Shashi Kumar told the media that Dharmendra was arrested from his residence and eight persons of the Mahasabha have been booked. A case has been booked at Barke police station.





**Bangaluru:** A group of Ugandan students allegedly created a ruckus following a spat with a cab driver, who refused to allow five passengers into his car and also demanded a fee for cancellation. The incident took place at a luxury hotel in Subramanya Nagar police station limits on Saturday. All of them were taken to the police station, where the driver gave a complaint. The case was closed after a Ugandan national tendered a written apology to the driver, the police said. **ENS**





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— Ramnath Goenka

## TALE OF POWER TRANSFERS IN TWO IMPORTANT STATES

Last week, power transfer happened in contrasting styles in a couple of states ruled by two different parties. While Gujarat's light-weight CM Vijay Rupani quietly walked into the sunset after suddenly putting in his papers, powerful Punjab CM Amarinder Singh left kicking and screaming, intending to give his nemesis Navjot Singh Sidhu a hard time. The wheel of fate turned 180 degrees with the dissenting faction getting to rule in just about six months and the ruler becoming the vocal rebel indulging in name-calling, labelling Sidhu incompetent and a national security threat. Juxtapose this with the new government in Gujarat where the entire Rupani ministry was dropped and a bunch of nobodies installed as ministers with another faceless person as CM. As many as 21 of the 24 ministers in Gujarat had no previous ministerial experience. The grumbling of the sacked ministers was not loud enough to disturb the leadership in Delhi. For, they owe their presence in the Assembly to the vote-catching ability of PM Narendra Modi.

In both the states, the logic behind change in leadership was that anti-incumbency had dangerously built up against the dispensations in power ahead of polls though the ruling parties themselves had public acceptability. The ease with which Modi did it in Gujarat showed his stranglehold over the party. In Punjab, party lawmakers took months to rally around Sidhu despite the Congress high command indicating its preference for him, suggesting the tenuous hold of the Gandhis on them and Amarinder's towering stature. By becoming a party to engineering defection, the Gandhis possibly created a Frankenstein in Amarinder.

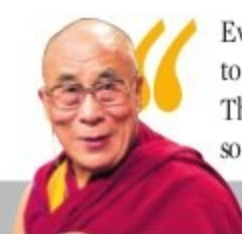
Just the other day, agitating farmers in Punjab had urged parties to stay off electioneering till state polls are notified, so as not to weaken their protest against the three farm laws. Yet, the Congress mishandling has taken the focus off farmers, and made the state elections a high-voltage Amarinder versus Sidhu contest. The final outcome will depend on whichever way Amarinder swings. Opposition parties in the state are already salivating at the bundle of options on the table. Given Sidhu's inexperience in statecraft, if the Congress were to lose Punjab, it would have nowhere to hide.

## TN'S RESET TOWARDS SOCIAL JUSTICE

The death of a Scheduled Caste temple priest in Tamil Nadu's Pudukkottai district a month ago has barely affected the collective consciousness of the state. The cold-blooded murder allegedly by a group of Caste Hindus is already a forgotten story. The probe is still on, though.

This is not an isolated case of a caste-related atrocity. There has been an unusual spike in such cases over the last few years. RTI-based data collection by an NGO recently revealed that 300 people from SC/ST communities were killed in caste murders across the state during 2016-2020. What is shocking is the abysmal conviction rate, which stands at 4.3%. The recent national crime report paints another gloomy picture: the rate of crime against women has gone up in the state, to 17.4% in 2020 from 15.6% in 2019. Crimes against children too have shown a steady increase. These are indeed worrying signs for a state that is striving to bring in social justice to all. The state government seems to have realised urgency of the matter. With an aim to break the caste barriers, it recently appointed two dozen non-Brahmin priests in temples under its management. Five of them belonged to SC communities, making it another first for TN. The government also appointed a woman as an *odhuvar*, who renders hymns in temples. Recently, it announced that a panel would be formed to monitor the implementation of social justice in education, employment, promotions and appointments. The panel, comprising government officials, educationists and legal experts, will recommend an action plan to ensure social justice is delivered the right way.

The fact is many issues still remain unresolved. Just observing the birth anniversary of Periyar E V Ramasamy on September 17 as social justice day is unlikely to herald any change. Are we anywhere closer to the world envisioned by him? The answer is no. If alive, the social reformer, who vehemently fought against Brahminical dominance and gender and caste inequality, would have been completely dejected. Having walked backwards for a while, TN seems to have now begun a long, arduous trek towards equality.



Everyone wants to live in a peaceful world, but it's necessary to understand that what destroys peace is anger and hatred. The long term goal is to create inner peace within individuals, so contributing to a more compassionate humanity

Dalai Lama

Unless the Sinhalese start speaking of democracy with respect for diversity and power-sharing, India-Lanka relations would be subjected to severe stresses and strains

## A SIGNIFICANT OMISSION IN LANKA ENVOY'S DOCUMENT

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ilinda Moragoda arrived in New Delhi on August 31. More than two weeks have elapsed, but the Sri Lankan High Commissioner has yet to present his credentials to the President of India.

Moragoda has served Sri Lanka with distinction—as a cabinet minister, as one of the chief negotiators with the Tigers, as a brilliant economist, and as the founder of Pathfinder Foundation, one of the leading think tanks in Colombo. As the principal negotiator with the Tigers, he was more than a match to Anton Balasingham. Moragoda told me that Sri Lanka was very keen to prolong the ceasefire, because all the contradictions within the LTTE—the differences between the northern leadership that was using the eastern guerrillas as the cannon fodder and the loss of revolutionary fervour among the guerrillas when they were allowed to get married and have children—would come out into the open. These contradictions were exploited by the armed forces and they finally eliminated the Tigers in 2009. What is more, the members of the EU wanted to censure Sri Lanka for human rights violations that took place during the Fourth Eelam War; the Indian delegation took the initiative and a resolution was passed congratulating Colombo for eliminating one of the most ruthless terrorist organisations in the world.

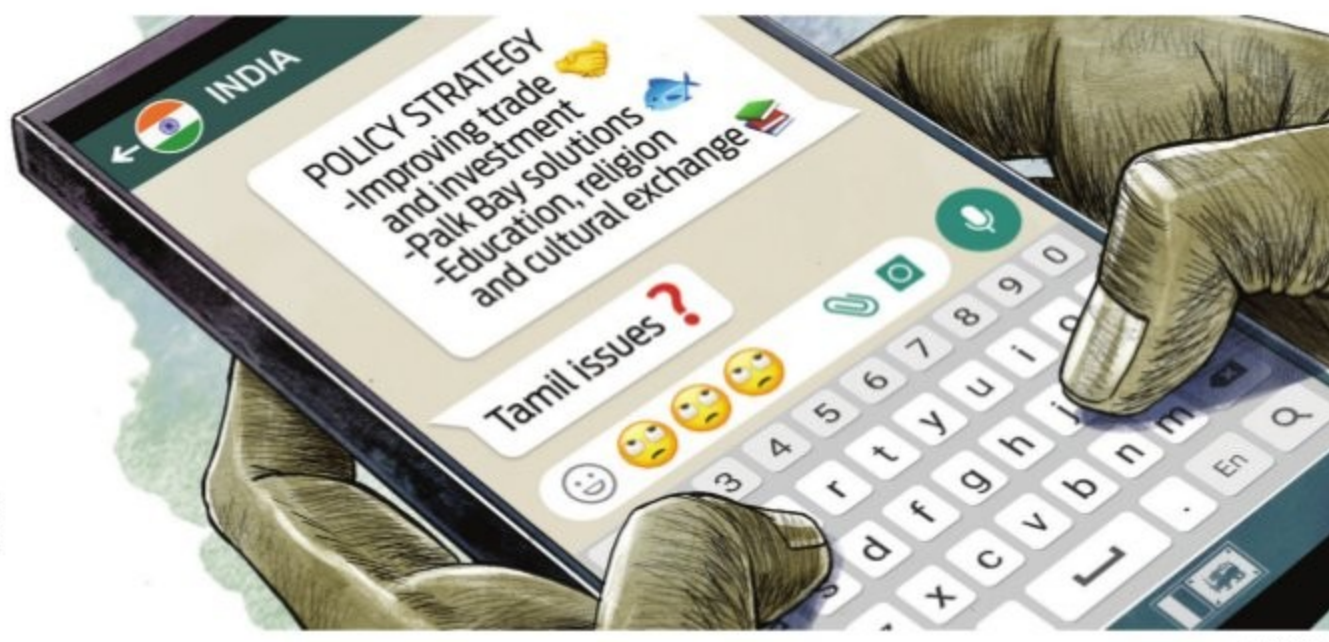
India, as Moragoda has written, is the "cornerstone" of Sri Lanka's foreign policy. And he has come to India at a time when Colombo is being isolated in the Western world—when the Indian Ocean region is becoming increasingly "complex

and challenging" and China's extensive involvement in Sri Lanka has become a matter of serious concern for New Delhi.

Before he came to India as High Commissioner, he took the initiative and with the assistance of his colleagues in the Foreign Office and "India watchers" in Sri Lanka, prepared a document entitled Integrated Country Strategy for Sri Lankan Diplomatic Missions in India, 2021-2023. The report contains recommendations for improving trade and investment; promoting educational, religious, and cultural exchanges; finding a solution to the fisheries problem in the Palk Bay; facilitating the return of the refugees from Tamil Nadu; and giving a fillip to people-to-people cooperation.

When I read the report, I was shocked. There was no mention as to how Colombo would find a solution to the ethnic problem and how to introduce participatory democracy in the predominantly Tamil areas. The implication is very clear—India has no role in this crucial matter and as a sovereign country, Sri Lanka would find a solution on its own.

A country's foreign policy is not static, it is subject to constant change, according to the needs of the changing world and the country's requirements. The personalities at the helm of government and their peculiar mindsets also shape the process of continuity and change. But all these have to work within the fundamental realities of the region. There is no way of getting away from the fact that India is looming large with its size, eco-



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nomic resources, military strength, and the big power-small power syndrome. It may be recalled that in the perception of the majority Sinhalese, J N Dixit, then Indian High Commissioner (in the post-1987 period), was viewed as the "Viceroy of India". There are inherent fears and misgivings about India's long-term intentions and capabilities. India, in turn, believes that its neighbours are getting close to China to "cut India to size".

Adding complexity to the situation, the historical bonds of common cultural heritage and the spread of India's ethno-cultural reach naturally raise fears of getting swamped. The overlap of a large number of ethno-religious-linguistic groups across India's porous borders generates stresses and strains in bilateral relations by way of movement of refugees, illegal migration, large-scale poaching by fishermen and spread of narcotics. I use the Siamese twins to describe the close nexus between India and Sri Lanka. What afflicts one will affect the other.

Three guiding principles of India's neighbourhood policy require reiteration. The ethnic tensions



The new Sri Lankan High Commissioner has undergone a metamorphosis in the reverse direction. A great champion of the 13th Amendment and devolution of powers to provinces, today he wants the provincial councils to be abolished

should not be solved by military means; New Delhi would adhere to asymmetric reciprocity in its relations with smaller neighbours; and the problems relating to ethnicity and nation-building could be solved, not by imposition of majoritarian rule, but by participatory democracy. Sri Lanka has to work out a political system where a Tamil could be a proud Tamil, while, at the same time, be a loyal Sri Lankan citizen.

Two illustrations bring out the legacy of mistrust, what I call "love-hate syndrome". In April 1971, faced with an internal revolt posed by the JVP, PM Sirimavo Bandaranaike requested Indian military assistance, which was spontaneously given. How did Sri Lanka reciprocate India's goodwill? Six months later, when the East Pakistan crisis deteriorated and India had banned overflight of Pakistani planes, Colombo permitted Pakistani Air Force planes to have transit and refuelling facilities; the planes were meant for putting down the democratic aspirations of East Pakistanis.

The induction of the Indian Peace Keeping Force, on the invitation of President Jayewardene, and the subsequent marginalisation of the Tigers enabled the Sri Lankan armed forces to withdraw from the north and the east and tackle the problems posed by the second JVP revolt. In the natural course, it should have earned for India the gratitude of the Sinhalese; on the contrary, it was explained away as an illustration of India's hegemonistic designs. What is more, the two antagonistic entities, the Tigers

and the Sri Lankan armed forces, came together: Premadasa gave a "second life" to the Tigers by providing finance and arms.

It is a strange paradox, but true, that Prof G L Pieris and Milinda Moragoda have undergone a metamorphosis in the reversed direction. Both were great champions of the 13th Amendment and devolution of powers to provinces. But today they want the provincial councils to be abolished because to quote Moragoda, they "are expensive, divisive and fraught with inefficiency". If a hospital does not function properly, the solution is not to shut down the hospital but remove the causes of inefficiency. Moragoda also wants democracy to be extended to Pradeshiya Sabhas and villages; this could be done only if a constitutional amendment is passed. Otherwise, it would turn out to be mere decentralisation of powers, powers that could be changed according to the whims of the ruling clique.

It is a difficult pill to swallow, but let me underline the truth. By democracy today we mean inclusiveness and participation of every ethnic group on equal terms. The Indian academic, Mukul Kesavan, has repeatedly underlined that majoritarian democracies would turn out to be "murderous majorities". Unless the Sinhalese start speaking of democracy with respect for diversity, pluralism and power-sharing, India-Sri Lanka relations would be subjected to severe stresses and strains.

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## BREACHING QUOTA CEILING & NEED FOR CASTE CENSUS

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he latest constitutional amendment restoring the power of the states to identify Socially and Economically Backward Castes (SEBCs) and Other Backward Castes (OBCs) continues to create a lot of buzz across the nation much beyond the simple clarifications inserted through the amendment.

The ceiling limit issue: However, the amendment is silent on breaching the cap of 50% on reservations as was laid down in the landmark case of Indra Sawhney and others vs Union of India and others in 1992. The amendment was necessitated after the judgment of the Supreme Court in the Maratha reservation case on Maharashtra SEBCs Reservation Act, 2018 (May 2021). However, even in this judgment, the Supreme Court re-emphasised the need for scientifically collected quantifiable data to consider revisiting the ceiling issue. The court, referring to the judgments in M Nagaraj v. UoI (2006) and Ashoka Kumar Thakur v. UoI (2008), interpreted the ratio of these cases to imply, "If a state wants to exceed 50% reservation,

then it is required to base its decision on quantifiable data." Earlier, in the M Nagaraj case, the court had laid down that the "... the state has to collect quantifiable data showing backwardness of the class and inadequacy of representation of that class in public employment in addition to compliance of Article 335". Therefore, if we want to get the ceiling limit increased beyond 50% through a judicial order, it can be done only through a scientifically designed survey; every other argument has no evidentiary value in the eyes of the courts.

Lacunae in the Indra Sawhney judgment: Many have argued that the judgment of the Supreme Court in the Indra Sawhney case is inherently contradictory. The court held that Article 16(1) and Article 16(4) of the Constitution were facets of the same principle guaranteeing 'substantive equality', which includes existing structural and institutional disadvantages. However, the court also affirmed the rule that there must be a 50% cap on reservation subject to 'extraordinary circumstances'.

es'. In the judgment, there is no clear rationale as to how the court arrived at the quantification of 50%, aside from the iteration that it was a "reasonable and fair" figure considering the aim of adequate representation and not proportional representation based on caste. The court also did not lay out the rationale behind the primacy of the doctrine of adequacy over the doctrine of proportionality.

Policy rationale behind caste-based enumeration in Census: No legislation can bring actual substantive benefits to the OBCs and the SEBCs unless we ascertain 'who' (identify) these benefits will accrue to and 'how many' (total number) of them will need to be covered under its ambit. The latest amendment answers the 'who' part of the question as the states will identify the castes to be treated as OBC/SEBC. However, it is



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silent on the 'how many' question. This ambiguity can be removed only if there is data that reflects the percentage of people that need this reservation as was also noted by the courts. It is only then that one can assess if the 50% ceiling is required to be breached in order to formulate a rational reservation policy based on the doctrine of adequacy, if not proportionality. India last witnessed a comprehensive caste census last in 1931. Focusing on the need for such a census purely from a public policy imperative, the Cabinet of Odisha passed a resolution on 11 January 2020 for the conduct of a socio-economic caste enumeration simultaneously with the General Census 2021 by adding extra columns to the existing format. The state also approached the Centre with this demand, which it refused. However, Odisha's Naveen Patnaik became the first CM in the country to go ahead with such an enumeration from 1 May 2021, committed in his resolve to not only use such data for possibly breaching the 50% ceiling in reservations by substantially complying with the judicial order, but also ensuring that the benefits from government schemes actually reach the intended beneficiaries from the OBC and SEBC categories in a more targeted and focused manner. The current reliance on the SEBC survey

of 2011 used for estimating the number of beneficiaries under various schemes of the government relating to food security, housing, health, etc., often compels states to demand additional quota requirements from the Centre since the 2011 data is old and leaves out many eligible beneficiaries. The latter leads to a lot of avoidable politicking based on which party is in power at the Centre vis-a-vis the demanding state.

Conclusion: The jurisprudence of reservation is in the nature of affirmative action. First, it aims to abolish the past inhuman discrimination and second, it aims to mitigate suffering and mend the generational damage to these communities. The extent to which reservations will be excessive so as to render them adverse must depend on the adequacy of representation in a particular case. This could be different in different states. Hence, fixing an upper limit of 50% for all states across the country is untenable. It is equally untenable to demand relaxation of this limit without collection of scientific, ground-level quantifiable data. Therefore, the government must heed Odisha's demand and incorporate a separate column for enumeration of OBCs and SEBCs in the forthcoming Census.

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### Continuous humiliation

It is sad that the Congress high command has continuously humiliated and forced Capt. Amarinder Singh to resign as Punjab chief minister. Navjot Singh Sidhu was made PCC President even though there was opposition from the chief minister and others. Now Congress has to face the Assembly elections without a popular face. S Ravindranath, Bengaluru

### High command bungled it

In 2017, when the Congress had to bite the dust in most states that went to

the polls then, Punjab was the saving grace for the party thanks to Amarinder, who was hailed as its saviour. The Congress leadership has again bungled in handling the situation by handing over the state leadership to a maverick like Sidhu, whose gift of the gab is his only strength. His style of functioning somehow seems to have impressed the brother-sister duo at the top. The fact that Amarinder has stated in no uncertain terms that he will oppose the elevation of Sidhu tooth and nail does not augur well for the grand old party. CM Umanath, Kozhikode

### Transfers of power

In recent times, the chief ministers of Karnataka and Gujarat have been replaced without much hullabaloo by the BJP and differences were ironed out for a smooth transfer of power. On the other hand, Amarinder's resignation shows irremediable intra-party conflicts in the Congress. Venkat Desikan, Chennai

### Hats off to author

This is with reference to the article *Happenings after Kamba Ramayanam* (Sep 19). Every line of the four-column

article has been scripted immaculately and shows the author's skill, wisdom and far-sighted vision. God's reply to Narendra Modi was brilliant. Hats off to the author. Sathyam N, Tiruchanur

### Politics in Rama's name

The author has analysed the culture that existed in the time of Rama and the politics in his name. There are different versions of Ramayana—Valmiki Ramayana, Ramcharitmanas and in the south, Kamba Ramayanam and

*Adhyathma Ramayana* in the form of *Kilippattu*. Rama considered all as equal. But what about the rulers now? What type of Sanatana Dharma are they spreading? Neeraja S, Alappuzha

### Kashmir's links with TN

It is interesting to know about the forgotten history of Kashmir (Sep 15). In fact Kashmir is the crown of Indian civilisation. It also has many links with Tamil Nadu, including Kanchi. SA Srinivasa Sarma, Kanchipuram





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Congress's CM pick faces action in a 3-year-old Me Too case. It was covered up but resurfaced when Punjab Women's Commission sent notice



**Rahul Gandhi** @RahulGandhi  
Congratulations to Shri Charanjit Singh Channi Ji for the new responsibility. We must continue to fulfill the promises made to the people of Punjab



**Brahma Chellaney** @Chellaney  
The one and only CM with national vision and stature has fallen victim to the toxic monopoly of the mother-son-daughter trio on the Congress



Charanjit Singh Channi (pink turban) began his political career as a municipal councillor in the Kharar Municipal Council two decades ago | PTI

## The rise & rise of Charanjit Channi

His elevation as CM caps trail-blazing career of two decades beginning as civic councillor

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FOR once, Charanjit Singh Channi would be vindicated for his deep-rooted belief in astrology. With humble beginning as a municipal councillor in the Kharar Municipal Council two decades ago, Channi's elevation as the chief minister is nothing short of a meteoric rise.

The stars, it appears, aligned for him as Channi, 48, a Ramdasia Sikh community, is the first from the SC community to become a chief minister in Punjab.

A three-time municipal

councillor, he later became the president of Kharar Municipal Council in 2002. He then went on to become a three-time MLA from Chamkaur Sahib, beginning with his win as an Independent after rebelling against his parent party in 2007. Three years on, he re-joined the party. He then went on to retain the seat for two consecutive times in 2012 and 2017. In between these years, Channi was the Leader of Opposition from 2015 to 2016. In 2017, he was appointed as the Cabinet Minister for Technical Education. It was his entry in the inner circles of PCC

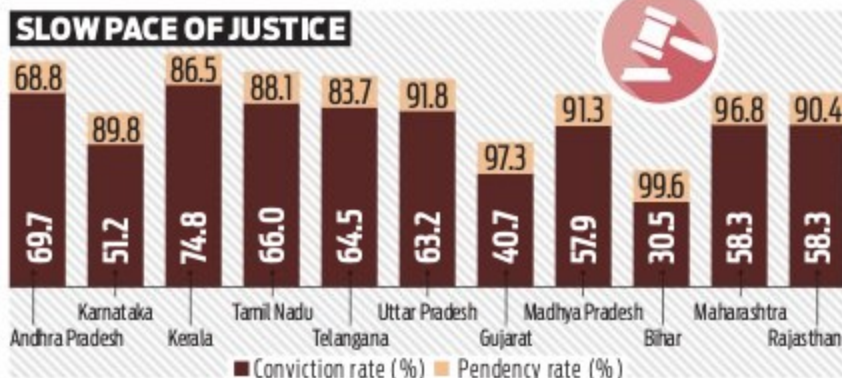
chief Navjot Sidhu that saw his stock rise rapidly.

Channi was born on April 2, 1972, in a poor family in Makrona Kalan village near Chamkaur Sahib. His father Harsa Singh had served as a sarpanch of the gram panchayat of his village.

The humble beginnings shaped up his formative years as he received free education in school, thanks to his talent in sports especially handball. He did graduation from Guru Gobind Singh College, law from Punjab University and MBA from Punjab Technical University at Jalandhar. Pres-

ently, he is doing PhD from Panjab University.

Channi has his fair share of troubles as well. His detractors criticise his style of functioning. On various issues, he has been an open critic of the government. In October 2018, a woman IAS officer had alleged that he had sent an 'inappropriate' text message. The CM had come to his rescue saying that he apologised to the officer. In 2017, he constructed a road from a park outside his official residence on the advice of an astrologer to have an east facing entry. The road was later razed.



## Pendency of IPC cases up by over 31L in 3 yrs

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THE latest NCRB data disclosed that the number of pending cases and the pendency rate of IPC cases in courts have increased over the years.

The number of pending cases and pendency rate in the year 2017 was respectively 99.7 lakh and 86.5% and it increased to 1.31 crore and 93.8% in the year 2020.

Incidentally, southern states including Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Telangana have a lower pendency rate in the year 2020 as compared to other states. Bihar recorded the highest pendency rate of 99.6%.

The NCRB 2020 data has reflected the rising load of cases in courts across the country. Total IPC cases for trial in the year 2020 stood at 1.39 crore comprising 1.13 crore cases lying pending from the previous years and 29.11 lakh fresh cases which came for trial during 2020. However, the trial of 1.31 crore cases out of the total 1.39 crore could not be completed leading to the increased pendency.

A close look at the data disclosed that southern states had

faired better in terms of completing the trial of cases in courts. All the southern states reported less than 90% of pendency rate with Andhra Pradesh marking the lowest 68.8%. The pendency rate in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana, and Kerala was at 88.1%, 89.8%, 83.7%, and 87.5% respectively.

On the contrary, big states like Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, and many others reported a large number of pending IPC cases and high pendency rates in courts. Bihar came out with the distinction of highest pendency rate of 99.6%. Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have recorded relatively lower rates of 91.8% and 91.3% respectively.

The conviction rate of all the IPC cases in the country stood at 59.2% against 50.4% in the year 2019.

States like Bihar and West Bengal registered the lowest conviction rates of 30.5% and 13.4% respectively. Southern states performed better with higher conviction rates. Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu recorded higher conviction rates of 89.8%, 83.7%, and 87.5% respectively.

## 2.41L tourists visited Valley till Aug

**FAYAZ WANI** @Srinagar

OVER 2 lakh tourists, both domestic and international, visited Kashmir this year till August with the inflow of visitors gaining momentum in June.

Similarly, over 29 lakh pilgrims visited Vaishno Devi shrine in the same period despite the pandemic.

In tandem with the outbreak of second Covid wave in Jammu and Kashmir, the volume of tourist inflow had dropped in April after a rise from January to March. With easing of the restrictions and drop in Covid cases, the tourist inflow again picked up in June when 15524 tourists visited the Valley. In July, it went up to 48,858 and peaked to 49,719 — the highest this year so far — in

### FOREIGNERS MAY BE ALLOWED SOON

Amid a decline in Covid cases, India may soon reopen its doors for foreign tourists for the first time in one-and-a-half years, officials said. First five lakh foreign tourists will be issued visas free of cost, in an attempt to revive the tourism, hospitality and aviation sectors. Top Union Home Ministry officials are deliberating with all stakeholders on the expected date and modalities for opening up of the country for foreign tourists.

August. Of the total 2.41,035 tourists who visited till August end, 796 were from abroad.

There was also a rise in arrival of pilgrims to Vaishno Devi in Jammu region after the drop in May and June when 2,43,645 devotees visited the shrine as against the monthly average of 4 to 5 lakh pilgrims. After easing of Covid restrictions, about 10.21 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at the temple in

## Twenty emergency airstrips to come up on national highways, says govt

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THE Centre is working to develop infrastructure all across the country which will help aircraft — fighters and transport — and helicopters in speeding up movement during peace. For this, the highways will double up as emergency airstrips for military requirements when the need arises.

As per the plan announced recently by Nitin Gadkari, Cabinet Minister for Road Transport and Highways, there will be total of 20 Emergency Landing Field (ELF) and more than 500 helipads and heliports which will primarily cater to the border states along Pakistan and China. The ELFs will be constructed in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, Leh (Ladakh), West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

Announcing the basic details at the inauguration of



the first ELF on National Highway 925A near Barmer, Gadkari informed further that projects were being taken forwards in which help from the Indian Air Force would be sought. "This three km long ELF has been constructed at the cost of 45 crore along with three helipads, as per military requirements, at Kundapura, Singhania and Bakasar villages," said Gadkari.

These marked out portions will have a building to act as the air traffic control in need and facility for basic refueling without obstructing the flow of general transport which will be diverted through

the service lanes.

Of the two more in Rajasthan, the tender for the one planned on the Falodi-Jaisalmer highway will be out soon. Technical evaluation is going on for the one on Barmer-Jaisalmer highway. Further, five will be constructed on highways passing through West Bengal, two in Gujarat, one each in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Ladakh, J&K, Haryana and Punjab.

The ELFs will be specialised sections of the highways constructed to cater to the needs of high pressure and load landing of the fighters and transport aircrafts.

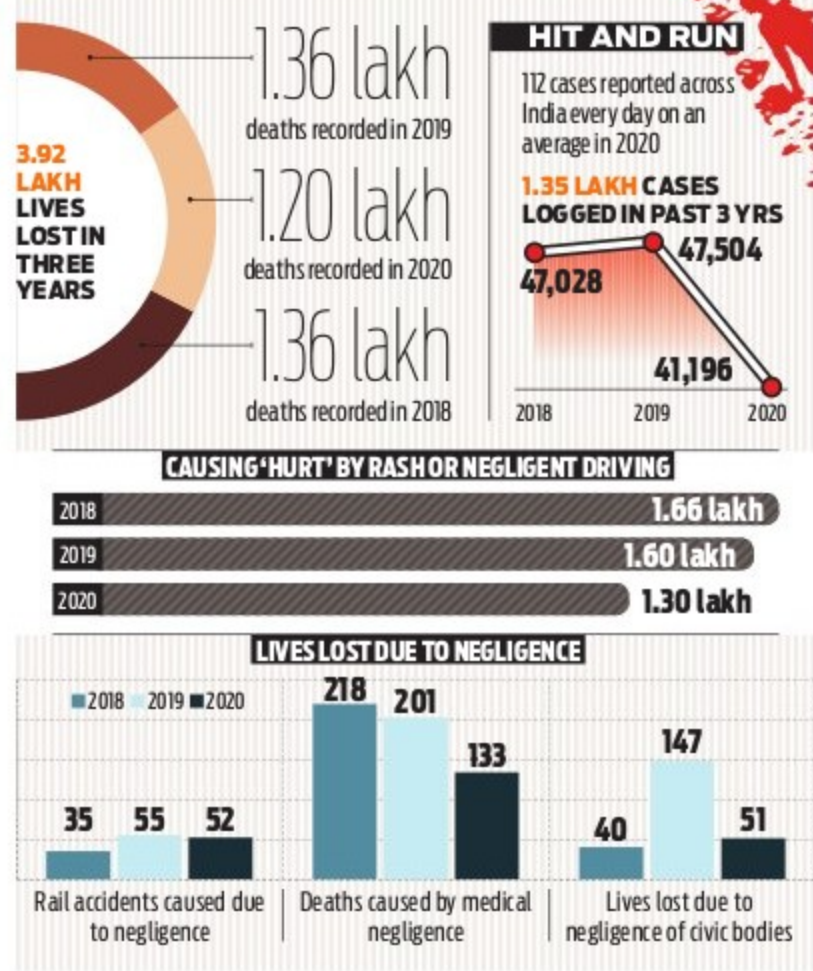
According to the minister, there are plans to make between 500-600 heliports across the country which will be used for transport, logistics and medical emergencies like transporting patients or organs for transplantation harvested from the people who lose lives in road accidents.

## Road mishaps: Fatal negligence

India recorded over a lakh cases of 'deaths due to negligence relating to road accidents' in 2020 despite Covid-19 lockdowns, says latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report

### UNSAFE TRAVEL

328 people lost their lives every day on an average last year due to 'negligence relating to road accidents'



EAM S Jaishankar with Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal Bin Farhan Al Saud | MEA

## Taliban takeover of Kabul figures high in India-Saudi parleys

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Saudi counterpart Faisal Bin Farhan Al Saud on Sunday deliberated on the developments in Afghanistan and explored ways to further expand bilateral ties in areas of defence and security, trade, and investment.

In wide-ranging talks, Jaishankar called for further relaxing restrictions on travel from India to the Gulf nation while appreciating the country for the support provided to the Indian community during the COVID-19 pandemic. "Delighted to welcome FM of Saudi Arabia HH Prince @Faisalbinfarhan for his first ever visit to India," Jaishankar tweeted.

Al Saud reached on Saturday evening on a three-day visit. It is the first ministerial visit from Saudi Arabia to India since the outbreak of the pandemic.

"Both ministers exchanged views on the developments in Afghanistan and other regional issues," the MEA said in a statement. "The ministers reviewed the implementation of the 'Strategic Partnership Council Agreement' signed between the two sides during the visit of PM Narendra Modi to Saudi Arabia in October 2019."

It said the two sides expressed satisfaction at the meetings held under the agreement and the progress achieved. "Both sides discussed further steps to strengthen their partnership in

trade, investment, energy, defence, security, culture, consular issues, healthcare and human resources," the MEA said.

The two sides also discussed bilateral cooperation in multilateral forums such as the United Nations, G-20 and Gulf Cooperation Council, it added.

Al Saud is scheduled to call on PM Modi on Monday.

The visit comes at a time when India has been engaged with all leading powers on the developments in Afghanistan following Taliban takeover. It is learnt that the situation in Afghanistan was a major area of focus of the talks between Jaishankar and Al Saud.

Being a major regional player, Saudi Arabia's position on the developments in Kabul assumes significance as several countries in the Gulf region, including Qatar and Iran, were playing a role in the Afghan peace process before the Taliban's capture of power.

In the Gulf region, India has been in touch with the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Iran over the unfolding developments in Afghanistan. In reflection of India's views on the matter, the PM had said the global community should decide "collectively" and "thoughtfully" on according recognition to the new set-up in Afghanistan in view of questions over its acceptability as the change of power was not "inclusive".

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### 'PM WILL DECIDE ON INFRA IN AFGHANISTAN'

With Afghanistan coming under the control of the Taliban, Union minister Nitin Gadkari on Sunday said a final decision on continuing infrastructure investments in the war-torn country will be taken by the prime minister along with the external affairs minister after considering the prevailing situation. While many infrastructure projects were completed by India, he said, some are yet to be completed. "We have built a dam (Salma dam)... we have worked in areas of water resources in Afghanistan," Gadkari said responding to a query on whether India will make further investments. PM Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will take a decision on whether India will now invest in Afghanistan or not, Gadkari said.

### POLL MOVES

## 'Cong show run by Gandhi siblings now'

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Not to be left out, the BJP earlier promised chief minister-ship to a SC leader if voted to power. Besides, Som Parkash, a prominent SC leader from Punjab, is the Union minister of state for commerce and industry in the NDA government. Another SC leader Vijay Sampla is the chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes with the rank of a Union minister.

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi and his sister Priyanka Gandhi are together making a conscious effort behind the scene to bring back the traditional and significant vote bank of the Congress ahead of several state polls and 2024 LS elections.

The SC, tribals and minority communities were for midable votes bank of the Congress that kept the party in power for several decades, but the rise of regional outfits and the social engineering of Narendra Modi-Amit Shah combine upset the 'SC, ST and minority' appeasement politics of the grand old party. The SCs shifted loyalty to strong regional outfit like BSP in UP and RJD in Bihar while Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi damaged the crumbling Congress further in Maharashtra.

## GEHLOT'S OSD SACKED FOR TWEET AGAINST CONG BRASS

**RAJESH ASNANI** @Jaipur

A controversial tweet has led to resignation of Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot's OSD Lokesh Sharma late on Saturday night. In the midst of Punjab developments, Sharma shared the tweet that seemed to be an indirect attack on the high command's handling of the party tussle.

The tweet was considered to be a taunt on the party high command. In his tweet in Hindi in the afternoon, Sharma wrote that "The strong should be forced, the minor should be made proud....If the fence itself eats the field, who will save that crop!!"

This tweet was soon targeted by people on social media who attacked Sharma. It was seen as a criticism of the party high command's decision in Punjab. In the tweet, Amarinder was indirectly described as strong in gestures.

The word in Congress circles was that the Congress high command was irked over the OSD's tweet. Gehlot is said to have himself sought the resignation of Sharma after the controversy over the OSD's tweet. Sharma then put in his papers late on Saturday night.

In his resignation letter to

### Raj CM backs high command's move

Following Amarinder's resignation, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot said the party high command has to take decisions in the interest of the party on the basis of the feedback received from legislators and general public. He expressed hope that Amarinder Singh will continue to work for the party.

Gehlot, Sharma gave clarification about his tweet. He has claimed that there was no political intent behind his tweet and added that it was being misinterpreted and linked to the developments in Punjab. And if the party is hurt by his tweet, he adds, that he apologises for the message.

"If today's tweet has hurt the sentiments of the party, government and high command in any way, then I sincerely apologise. My intention, my words and my feelings were not to hurt anyone in any way and never will it be," he wrote.

"Sir, if you feel that any mistake has been made by me intentionally, then I am sending my resignation."

Stating that his posts were still being given a political colour, Sharma urged Gehlot to decide on his resignation.



# Rights body asks Manipur govt to protect activists

Four RTI campaigners are facing threats to life from insurgents over their activities

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THE Manipur Human Rights Commission (MHRC) has directed the state government to protect the lives of four RTI activists who have gone into hiding fearing "reprisal" from insurgent group National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN-IM).

Based on a complaint filed by rights activist Wahengbam Joykumar Singh, the MHRC directed the state's Director General of Police and Special Secretary (Home) to arrange a secure place to shelter four activists and look into the matter of alleged threats to their lives. Earlier, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) transferred three petitions to the MHRC for disposal in connection with the case.

K Enoch, P Johnson, S P Benjamin and P R Amose, all of them from the state's Senapati district, have annoyed the NSCN-IM by filing RTI applications pertaining to some development work initiated by the government. Through an RTI application, they sought

information on how public money allocated by Centre to Autonomous district Council in Senapati was spent.

According to the complaint, some NSCN-IM rebels had abducted Enoch on January 20 last year, tortured him and pressured him into withdrawing his RTI application. On learning about the incident, 31 local residents of Taphou Phymai village in Senapati had filed 31 RTI applications in a show of solidarity with the activists.

Singh, who had filed the petition with the NHRC, wrote: "It is the bounden duty of the respondents to protect and secure the life and limb of the citizens and (as) such, the Authority concerned may provide dwelling rooms/houses to the victims/RTI users at some secure place like 1st Manipur Rifles/2nd Manipur Rifles complex, guesthouse or some other secured places along with foodgrains till the amicable settlement of the case."

The MHRC has directed the DGP and the Special Secretary to find out a safe location to lodge the activists.

## Will evict you, Myanmar group warns Manipur-based fighters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

A pro-democracy organisation in Myanmar on Sunday said it will evict insurgents from Manipur who are operating out of Myanmar's Tamu and Sagaing region once democracy returns to the coup-hit country.

In a "warning statement", the People's Defence Force, which is based in Myanmar's Tamu and Sagaing region, asked the insurgents to immediately stop fighting against the Myanmar citizens.

"We strongly believe that we will win shortly. This is to let them know that when democracy is restored, they shall not be allowed to live in Myanmar. So, we warn them to immediately stop supporting and working with the military forces," the statement said.

The organisation said instead of living in democratic Manipur and India, the extremists were operating out of Tamu and Sagaing region and fighting against people of the country.

"We warn them to immediately stop supporting and working with the military and stop fighting us. If they don't care about this warning, they will be listed, in generation(s) to come, as the people who don't like democracy in Myanmar," the statement said.

## Youth creates jobs without investing a single paisa

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

IN a first-of-its-kind initiative, the son of a grocery shop owner from Bihar's Samastipur district has created a chain of digital grocery shops that are providing jobs to the unemployed youth without making any investments.

"People register themselves on the 'ZILA Community Leadership (ZCL)' app. After that, they start running digital grocery shops and start doorstep delivery of the items ordered by customers," Suman Kumar Jha said. The commission earned from running the digital grocery shop is directly cred-



Suman Kumar Jha

ited to the partners of ZCL app. Partners can earn between ₹5,000 and ₹15,000 per month without making any investments on setting up a physical shop, Jha said.

"When I graduated from Dr

# Yogi touts BJP's record in event to mark 4.5 yrs

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

Govt must answer people: Priyanka

Lucknow: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Sunday attacked the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh, alleging that it had "failed" on several counts such as giving jobs to people, dues to farmers and in reining in price rise.

The Congress general secretary said the Uttar Pradesh government should have answered people's questions on its four-and-a-half years in power, but it is continuing to peddle "lies, lies and more lies". She was referring to Yogi Adityanath's remarks on Sunday that UP remained riot-free while the governance saw a total changeover from the past.

AHEAD of the 2022 Assembly elections, the Uttar Pradesh government on Sunday kicked off a week-long event to celebrate its completion of four-and-a-half years in power.

Chief Ministers Yogi Adityanath, addressing the media on the occasion, listed the achievements of his government.

He claimed that the BJP government has set an example of good governance in the state. He credited the BJP's state organisation for working closely with the government to take the state forward on the path of development.

Yogi highlighted that the law and order situation in the state improved a lot under his watch and the state has become friendly to industrial houses. The state had jumped to the second position in the 'Ease of Doing Business' ranking recently.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath releases a book on completing 4.5 years of his government at Lok Bhawan in Lucknow on Sunday | PTI

"Uttar Pradesh is attracting investment at a steady pace today. Earlier, the state was at 14th position in the national 'Ease of Doing Business' ranking, but now, we have made it to the second position," Adity-

anath said, adding, "the state has attracted investment worth ₹3 lakh crore in the past 54 months and has emerged as an export hub."

Yogi said under his government 80,000 ration shops have

been linked to ePOS machines. "After coming to power, the verification of ration cards was done, and it was found that nearly 40 lakh poor people did not have ration cards. Now, 80,000 ration shops have been linked to ePOS machines," the CM said.

The CM said there has been a steady improvement in the law and order situation during his time in power and attributed the development to the state government's crackdown on mafia and organised crime syndicates in the state. Yogi said the government has attached properties of criminals worth more than ₹1,800 crore and has demolished several encroachments. "The perception of Uttar Pradesh has changed. This is the same state where communal violence occurred every three days. But, in the past 4.5 years, there have been no riots," the chief minister said.

## AAP offers govt job to each U'khand family

VINEET UPADHYAY @Dehradun

TOURING poll-bound Uttarakhand, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday promised a government job to every family and benefits to the unemployed.

"Our intent is to work for the people and their welfare. We have done this in Delhi and we promise to do this in Uttarakhand. We will give a corruption-free government. We promise to give you a honest CM who will work for the people of Uttarakhand," Kejriwal said.

He was speaking at an event in Haldwani in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand. Kejriwal promised a government job for every family, ₹5,000 per month to the unemployed, 1 lakh job opportunities for the youth and 80% reservation in government jobs to residents of Uttarakhand.

He also invited leaders of other parties to join the AAP.

"Those feeling suffocated in other parties and want to work for people honestly," added Kejriwal. He attacked the Bhartiya Janta Party and the Indian National Congress alleging that both of them have cheated the people of Uttarakhand.

This is third time this year that Kejriwal is visiting the hill



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal addresses a gathering during 'Tiranga Sankalp Yatra' in Haldwani in Nainital district on Sunday | PTI

state to make election-related announcements. State Assembly elections are due in Uttarakhand next year.

Last month, Kejriwal announced that Col (Retd.) Ajay Kothiyal will be his party's Chief Ministerial candidate.

Earlier, in July, Kejriwal announced free electricity to

farmers and promised that if elected, his party will waive off pending electricity bills.

The AAP leader also announced 300 units of free electricity to the urban populace of the hill state.

Taking a dig at the ruling BJP which has changed two chief ministers in Uttarakhand in quick succession, Kejriwal said, "If you vote for BJP you will get a new chief minister every month, but if you vote for Kothiyal, you will get a stable CM for five years who will get your children jobs."

Governments do not suffer from shortage of funds, what they lack is good intentions, he said. He asked people to give just one chance to Kothiyal if they wanted the announcements made to them to be fulfilled.

"We don't make false promises. We make only promises which are meant to be kept," Kejriwal said.



## Chhattisgarh govt targets youth with 'Mitan Clubs'

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

The Congress government in Chhattisgarh has decided to set up 'Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Mitani Club' (Youth Friends' Club) in every panchayat and municipal areas to promote sports and cultural activities among youths at the grassroots level.

As many as 13,269 such clubs are to be set up across the state in a phased manner. Each unit will get a government grant of ₹1 lakh per year to conduct various productive activities, including sports.

The programme aims to offer an opportunity for youngsters to establish their identity and develop leadership skills. The club will be registered under the Firms and Societies Act and each will have 20-40 youths between the ages of 15-40 as members.

"The idea is to realise the vision of former prime minister Late Rajiv Gandhi in facilitating the youths, who have immense talent, to play the constructive role as 'Yuva Shakti' (youth power). They will engage actively in the formation of Nava (New) Chhattisgarh. The ambitious scheme will connect the youths from the grassroots level onwards in the pursuing creative activities, voicing their concerns and ensuring their participation in development works," said Bhupesh Baghel, the chief minister.

While launching the scheme, Baghel released ₹19.43 crore to the districts for the formation and operation of the Mitani Club for the first phase. The annual funds would be issued in four installments of ₹5,000 each quarterly. Mitani Club was one of the promises highlighted in the 2018 Congress manifesto. A ministerial-level committee has been formed to monitor the scheme's implementation.

## SUPRIYO LIKELY TO RESIGN AS BJP'S ASANSOL MP ON WED

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

A day after his defection to Trinamool Congress sent shockwaves within the BJP, former Union minister and Asansol MP Babul Supriyo said on Sunday that he will tender his resignation as Lok Sabha MP to speaker, if possible, on Wednesday.

The latest BJP turncoat to join the Trinamool Congress said that he would request the party not to ask him to campaign for its leader Mamata Banerjee against the BJP's Priyanka Tibrewal. His request came after Priyanka, with whom Supriyo has family ties, on Sunday said she would request him not to campaign against his "sister".

"Priyanka is a woman with a spirit to fight. I have a family relation with her. I will request the party not to embarrass me by asking me to campaign against her in

Bhowanipore. Besides, my presence is not at all required in a constituency where Mamata Banerjee is contesting," said Supriyo.

Babul thanked Mamata and the TMC for giving him a chance in the "playing 11". "I always want to be part of the playing 11, instead of sitting on the reserve bench. I

thank Mamata and Abhishek Banerjee (Trinamool Congress' national general secretary) for giving me a chance," he added.

The singer-turned-politician never missed an opportunity to launch a blistering attack on Mamata and Abhishek on several issues during the campaign for the recent Assembly elections.

He made it clear that Mamata is the face of the opposition against the BJP nationwide and he would like to see her as the Prime Ministerial candidate in the 2024 general elections.



Babul Supriyo

## Foods with pesticides linked to preterm births



Research carried out at the King George's Medical University in Lucknow has found that the presence of pesticides in the food eaten by a pregnant woman may affect the health of her unborn child. The study, which has been featured in a high-impact environmental research journal, has found a correlation between lower birth weight, cesarean sections in preterm births, and the level of pesticide toxicity to which the mother was exposed. According to the study, pesticides can disturb the hormonal balance in women by decreasing the hormone progesterone and altering antioxidant defence mechanisms which can also lead to preterm birth.



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## LUCKNOW DIARY

### State government to promote sporting activities

After a good performance by India in the recently-concluded Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to devote more of its attention on promoting sporting activities in the state by providing grounds, equipment and logistics to players and organizing competitions in rural areas. The department of youth welfare has been holding zonal-level competitions in rural areas since September 16. This will be followed by state-level competitions next month. The events mostly involve athletics, volleyball, kabaddi, wrestling, weightlifting, and other sports. Currently, 21 multipurpose halls are being constructed in rural areas of different districts of the state. Four of these areas are in Mohanlalgarh in Lucknow, in Meerut, Sonbhadra and Ayodhya.

### Eco-tourism spot for Lucknowites

Uttar Pradesh forest department and Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) have decided to develop the wetland behind the Atal Bihari Vajpayee International (Ekana) Stadium in Lucknow into an eco-forest. Spread over 37 acres of land, the wetland is inhabited by more than 100 species of indigenous and migratory birds, including some listed in Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act. Besides the regular presence of ducks, bee-eaters, kingfishers, sparrows, parakeets and juncos, deer, golden jackal, monitor lizards, some extremely rare migratory birds also make this place their home



### Test cricket returns to Lucknow after 28 years

Test cricket is returning to Lucknow after nearly 28 years. India will play a Test match against New Zealand team newly-built Atal Bihari Vajpayee Stadium from November 25, days after the close of the T20 World Cup. The five-day match is set to be the first Test match to be played at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Stadium. The Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association (UPCA) had opened the stadium for first-class cricket in 2016. So far, the 1994 match against Sri Lanka at KD Singh Babu Stadium remains the only Test that the state capital has hosted.





people killed &amp; five others listed missing after a passenger ship overturned in a river in China's Guizhou province

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# France knew of 'grave' submarine concerns: Australia

Morrison rejects French accusations of 'lying'; Defence Minister insists Canberra had been upfront, open and honest with Paris

## CANBERRA

FRANCE would have known Australia had "deep and grave concerns" that a submarine fleet the French were building would not meet Australian needs, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said on Sunday after the contract's cancellation set off a diplomatic crisis. France accused Australia of concealing its intentions to back out of the 90 billion Australian dollar (USD 66 billion) contract for French majority state-owned Naval Group to build 12 conventional diesel-electric submarines. US President Joe Biden revealed last week a new alliance including Australia and Britain that would deliver an Australian fleet of at least eight nuclear-powered submarines.

Morrison blamed the switch on a deteriorating strategic environment in the Indo-Pacific. He has not specifically referred to China's massive military buildup, which has gained pace



in recent years. "The capability that the Attack class submarines were going to provide was not what Australia needed to protect our sovereign interests. They would have had every reason to know that we have deep and grave concerns that the capability being delivered by the Attack class submarine was not going to meet our strategic interests and we have made very clear that we would be making a decision based on our strategic national interest," he added, referring to the French government.

France responded to the con-

## 'For nuclear-free nation'

Canberra was unable to buy French nuclear-powered vessels because they require charging while the American submarines do not, making only the latter suitable for nuclear-free Australia, said the country's Defense Minister Peter Dutton.

tract cancellation, which Morrison has said will cost his government at least USD 1.7 billion, by recalling its ambassadors from Australia and the United States. French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian on Saturday denounced what he called the 'duplicitous, disdain and lies' surrounding the sudden end of the contract and said France was now questioning the strength of the alliance.

China has denounced the sharing of such US and British nuclear technology as irresponsible. France won the contract

in 2016 over offers from Germany and Japan.

Japan was particularly disappointed because then-Prime Minister Tony Abbott had promised the close defense ally the contract before he was deposed by his own party in 2015.

The government has talked down media reports of ructions between the partners in the French submarine project and delays on the original delivery date of 2027.

There have been concerns of a defense capability gap emerging that the aging Australian-made Collins class conventional submarines could not fill. Defense Minister Peter Dutton said his government was prepared to lease nuclear submarines from the United States while Australia's fleet was being built.

Morrison flies to the US on Monday for a meeting with Biden and the leaders of India and Japan that make up the Quad security forum. AP

## BIDEN ASKS FOR EARLY TALKS WITH MACRON



US President Joe Biden with French counterpart (R) Emmanuel Macron

Paris: US President Joe Biden has requested early talks with French President Emmanuel Macron, France said on Sunday, in an apparent effort to mend fences after a row over a submarine contract sparked rare tensions between the allies. The announcement came after Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison rejected French

accusations that Canberra had lied about plans to cancel the contract to buy French submarines, saying he had raised concerns over the deal "some months ago". AFP

## UK defends 'hard-headed' deal

London: Britain's Foreign Secretary Liz Truss on Sunday defended the country's new security relationship with Australia and the United States as showing "readiness to be hard-headed in defending our interests," despite a more furious reaction from France. Liz Truss wrote in the Sunday Telegraph that the pact, which was announced earlier this week, "shows our commitment to security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region". AFP

## Nigerian kidnappers free 10 kids

### KANO

GUNMEN who kidnapped more than 100 students from a high school in northwest Nigeria months ago have released 10 more of the hostages, the head of a parents association said on Sunday.

Scores of assailants stormed Bethel Baptist High School on July 5 on the outskirts of Kaduna city, abducting 121 students who were sleeping in their dorms. The incident was part of a string of kidnappings by armed gangs known locally as bandits terrorising northwest and central Nigeria, looting, stealing cattle and seizing residents.

Joseph Hayab, head of the high school's parents association, said 10 students were freed on Saturday, as they release the hostages in batches. He said they had been reunited with their families. AFP

# Taliban-run municipality to female workers: Stay home



A Taliban fighter watches as Afghan women hold placards during a demonstration demanding better rights for women in Kabul on Sunday | AFP

## KABUL

FEMALE employees in the Kabul city government have been told to stay home, with work only allowed for those who cannot be replaced by men, the interim mayor of Kabul said on Sunday, detailing the latest restrictions on women by the new Taliban rulers.

The decision to prevent most female city workers from returning to their jobs is another sign that the Taliban, who overran Kabul last month, are enforcing their harsh interpretation of Islam despite initial promises by some that they would be tolerant and inclusive. In their previous rule in the 1990s, the Taliban had barred girls and women from schools, jobs and public life.

In recent days, the new Taliban government issued several decrees rolling back the rights of girls and women. It told female middle- and high school students that they could not return to school for the time being, while boys in those grades resumed studies this weekend. Female university students were informed that studies

would take place in gender-segregated settings from now on, and that they must abide by a strict Islamic dress code.

Under the United States-backed government deposed by the Taliban, university studies had been co-ed, for the most part. On Friday, the Taliban shut down the Women's Affairs Ministry, replacing it with a ministry for the "propagation of virtue and the prevention of vice" and tasked with enforcing Islamic law.

On Sunday, just over a dozen women staged a protest outside the ministry, holding up signs calling for the participation of women in public life. "A society in which women are not active is (sic) dead society," one sign read.

"Why are they (the Taliban) taking our rights?" said one of the protesters, 30-year-old Basira Tawana. "We are here for our rights and the rights of our daughters."

The protest lasted for about 10 minutes. After a short verbal confrontation with a man, the women got into cars and left, as Taliban in two cars observed from nearby. AP

## Taliban flags hoisted at women's seminary in Pak

Islamabad: Pakistan police have registered a case against a prominent radical cleric and several others after the flags of the Afghan Taliban were found hoisted on the top of a women's seminary run by him, according to a media report. The white flags of the Afghan Taliban were spotted on the rooftop of the Jamia Hafsa, a women's madrasa in the capital. After receiving information, the district administration sent a police contingent, including an anti-riot unit, which cordoned off the seminary. PTI

## Blast targets Taliban truck

Kabul: A pickup truck carrying Taliban fighters was the target of a bomb in the Afghan city of Jalalabad Sunday, local media reported, a day after at least two people were killed in a series of blasts in the area. Witnesses told local media that several wounded Taliban fighters were taken to hospital after the explosion, which happened near an interchange. AFP

# Putin's party set to retain majority after 'Navalny clampdown'

## MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin's party was set to retain a majority in parliament as Russia on Sunday concluded a three-day election in which most Kremlin critics were barred from running. The vote comes in the wake of an unprecedented crack-down on the opposition this year, with Russian authorities jailing Putin's best-known domestic foe Alexei Navalny and banning his organisations as "extremists".

In the lead-up to this weekend's vote, all of his top allies were arrested or had fled the country, with anyone associated with his groups kept from running in the parliamentary and local polls scheduled to close at 8pm in each of Rus-



sia's 11 time zones. Polling stations in the exclave of Kaliningrad will be the last to close.

"There is no one to vote for," Andrei, a 33-year-old IT professional who declined to give his last name, said in Moscow. But he cast his ballot in the "sham" elections, he said, to "at least show some kind of protest against the current government". The elections were also marred by claims of censorship and rampant

ballot stuffing.

As voting kicked off on Friday, Apple and Google caused an uproar among Russia's opposition after they removed Navalny's "Smart Voting" app, which showed supporters which candidate they should back to unseat Kremlin-aligned politicians.

Sources familiar with Google and Apple's decision said the move was taken under pressure from Russian authorities, including threats to arrest the tech giants' local staff.

By late Friday, the popular Telegram messenger had also removed Navalny's "Smart Voting" bot, and by Sunday Google Docs and YouTube videos containing the lists of the recommended candidates had also been blocked. AFP

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| Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            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| Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused/are getting the said Notice to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notice are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours. In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to HDFC Limited, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amount indicated hereinbelow in their name(s), together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notice from the date mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset has been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower (s) respectively. Attention of the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             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DRL Logistics Private Limited (Co-Borrower-2), No 33, Komal Mansion, M T B Road, Near Minerva Circle, Bangalore 560002, (2) M/S. DRL Logistics Private Limited, Plot No.105, House No.105, 5th Main Road, 4th Phase, J P Nagar Dollars Colony, Bangalore 560078, (1) Mrs. Hetal Mehul Dharanishi (Co-Borrower-3), No 701, Progressive Highness, Plot No 5/6, Sector 16-4, Near SBI Bank Sanpada Branch, Town Hall (Mumbai), Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra 400001 (2) Mrs. Hetal Mehul Dharanishi, Plot No.105, House No.105, 5th Main Road, 4th Phase, J P Nagar Dollars Colony, Bangalore 560078, (1) Mrs. Vaishali Rahul Dharanishi (Co-Borrower-4), No.898, 10th Cross, 22nd Main, JP Nagar 2nd Phase, Near RV Dental College, Bangalore 560078, (2) Mrs. Vaishali Rahul Dharanishi, DRL Logistics Pvt Ltd, Designation: Director, No 33, Komal Mansion, M T B Road, Near Minerva Circle, Bangalore 560002, (3) Mrs. Vaishali Rahul Dharanishi, Plot No.105, House No.105, 5th Main Road, 4th Phase, J P Nagar Dollars Colony, Bangalore 560078. | Loan Account No. 621222271<br>Rs.2,14,92,484/-<br>(Rupees Two Crores Fourteen Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Four Only) as on 31.08.2021                            | 02.09.2021<br>N.P.A. Date: (e)<br>31.07.2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Property No.1: Schedule A : All that piece and parcel of the Land/ Vacant Site now known and bearing Bruhath Bangaluru Mahanagara Palike Municipal Corporation No.105 and with corresponding PID No.57-33-105/earlier bearing Vacant Site No.105 formed by the BDA at J P Nagar 4th Phase (Dollar) Layout) situated at 2nd cross Road, 4th Phase, Dollars Layout, J P Nagar Bangalore- 560078 of Bruhath Bangaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.57, measuring East to West: 15.54 meters and North to South 25.90 Meters in all measuring 402.48 Sq. Meters and is bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : BDA Site No.104, North by : Road, South by : BDA Site No.124.<br>Schedule B : 50% (Fifty percent) undivided share, right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of the Land/ Vacant Site now known and bearing Bruhath Bangaluru Mahanagara Palike Municipal Corporation No.105 and with corresponding PID No.57-330-105/earlier bearing Vacant Site No.105 formed by the BDA at J P Nagar 4th Phase (Dollar) Layout) situated at 2nd Cross Road, 4th Phase, Dollars Layout, J P Nagar, Bangalore - 560078 of Bruhath Bangaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No. 57, measuring East to West: 15.54 Meters and North to South 25.90 Meters in all measuring 402.48 Sq Meters and is bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : BDA Site No.104, North by : Road, South by : BDA Site No.124.<br>Property No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the land and apartment Commercial Godown building after bifurcation now known and bearing with City Municipal Corporation No.111/1-2A, (Earlier forming a small strip of land situated on the South Eastern side of the Composite Property bearing No. 111/1-2 at RMC Link Road) 4th Ward, 6th Division, located at Shekarappa Nagar, Slum Area, Davanagere 577001, with a land area measuring East to West: 154'0" (One Hundred and Fifty Four Feet) and North to South: 85'0" (Eighty Five feet) in all measuring 13,090 Sq Ft and with a total built up area of 484.54 Sq Mts and along with RCC Roofed Building constructed is bounded on the: East by : Private Property, West by : Remaining property of the Vendor, North by : Property belonging to Kuruwadi Family, South by : Municipal Road. |
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Date: (e)<br>30.11.2020    | Schedule- A : All that piece and parcel of the residential converted lands bearing (i) Sy.No.269 measuring 4 guntas, (ii) Sy.No.270 measuring 26 Guntas and (iii) Sy.No. 273/2, measuring 2 Acre 11 Guntas, in all measuring 3 acre 01 Guntas (converted vide official memorandum No. B.Dis:ALN.SR (A): 481/2004-05 dated 18.03.2005 and B.Dis:ALN. (A) SR-480/2004-05 dated 11-04-2005 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Bideraguppe Village, Attibele Hobli, anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and Bounded on the: East by : Land in Sy.No.273/1;West by : Portion of land in Sy.No. 2698, 270 (swastika-4, Developed by the vendor) and Road; North by : Land belongs to Venkatesh Reddy; South by : Portion of Land in Sy No.270and KereAngala;<br>Schedule- B : 278 Square Feet, in an undivided share, in the land described in Schedule-A property above, together with corresponding right, title, interest and ownership.<br>Schedule- C : Residential Apartment No.C-201, (PID No.150200100200123005) on the Second Floor, in C-Block, having super built up area of 1129 Square feet inclusive of proportionate share of common areas. All the floors, ceilings between apartments as also walls between adjoining apartments shall jointly belong to the adjoining owners equally with open car parking space, in the building constructed over the Schedule A property and known as "SOWPARNIKA SWASTIKA PHASE-II". East by: Open Space, West by: Corridor, North by : Open Space, South by : Flat No. C202. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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Date: (e)<br>31.01.2021                     | Schedule-A : All that piece and parcel of converted lands in 87/2 admeasuring 0 Acre 22.5 Guntas and 88(2/2)P) admeasuring 1 Acre 28.35 guntas, together admeasuring 2 Acres 10.85 Guntas, situated at Kannanangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, issued by the deputy Commissioner and bounded on: East by : 12 m wide road, West by : 3m wide pathway, North by : 12m wide road, South by : S.no.88(2/P) and Site No.120 of Residential Layout No.BIAAP/TP-03/LAO/06/2010-11.<br>Schedule-B : All that piece and parcel of converted lands admeasuring 2 Acres and 3.47 Guntas situated at Kannanangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and bounded on: East by : 12 m wide road, West by : 3m wide pathway, North by : 3m wide road widening area, South by : S.no.88(2/P) and Site No.120 of Residential Layout No.BIAAP/TP-03/LAO/06/2010-11.<br>Schedule-C : Undivided Share of land in Schedule B property which is proportionate to Schedule D Apartment.<br>Schedule-D : A three bedroom bearing No B 204, Second Floor, Block No.'B' of the Residential Apartment Complex known as "URBANA BELVEDERE" to be built at the cost of the Second party on the Schedule B property measuring 2196 Sq.ft. Super built up area along with limited rights to use common areas, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use and exclusive right to use the 2 No of covered carpark.                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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Date: (e)<br>31.01.2021 | All that piece and parcel of residential 3 bed room apartment bearing No.A-244, A Block, First Floor, of the building known as "PALM GROVES", having a super built up area of 87.64 Square Meter, and carpet area of 61.34 Square Meter Bearing E-Khata No. 150200101800421495 along with one open car parking area of 9.75 Square Meter with proportionate share of 37 square Meter of undivided share, right title and interest in the land, on which this apartment complex is constructed which is situated on land bearing Sy.No.315 measuring 3 acres 12 Guntas, Sy.No.316 measuring 1 Acre 35 Guntas and Sy.No.317 measuring 2 Acres 11 Guntas totally measuring 7 Acres 18 Guntas situated at Marasur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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Date: (e)<br>30.04.2021   | All that piece and parcel of residential 2 bed room apartment bearing No.G01, in the Ground Floor, of the building complex known as "VIKAYATH CITADEL", having a super built up area of 1115 Sq. ft. along with one covered car parking space, with proportionate share of 250 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land, on which this apartment complex is constructed which is situated on land bearing site No.C-73A & Site No.C-80A, in House List Khatha No.94/48, present BBMP Khatha No.26/26/1-C/73A-40, 26/26/1-C/73A-40-1 & 56/6-80A-40 measuring East to West on the Northern side 58.25 feet, on the Southern side 59.6 feet and North to south 164 feet, totally measures 9655.5 Sq.feet, situated at Kodigehalli Main Road, K R Puram Hobli, (earlier Bangalore South Taluk now Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore) presently known as Alfa Garden, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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# Meeting money goals in a post-Covid world

Lower incomes and higher costs have put a dent in the savings and investments of many salaried professionals

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

PRE-PANDEMIC, Manish Misra, 28, used to work with a sales team in an automobile company in Noida, at a salary of ₹97,000 a month. With a small baby just six months old, and his wife, a teacher in a private school, their combined income was sufficient to set down their goals to build a secure financial future. Or so he thought, until the pandemic hit him.

Just 15 days after the first lockdown, Manish faced a steep salary cut of 20 per cent. So did his wife. Since the schools were closed and more classes were going online, her salary cut was steeper at 30 per cent. That was when the family realised that they could sustain themselves financially.

"I have a pension plan, a health insurance, and we used to invest ₹2 lakh each year in tax saver mutual funds to meet our financial goals apart from ₹50,000 each in the Public Provident Fund (PPF). It was working well and we were comfortable, but our combined income is now reduced by about 25 per cent and the cost of living, from grocery bills to other household expenses, has gone up by at least 20 per cent. How many corners we can cut? Cost of living is going up and the salary is going down," Manish said.

This is the post-pandemic shock for thousands of salaried class professionals, who have been forced to live with skewed incomes and steep hikes in in-

## Rising inflation: How prices of different products rose over last year



Source: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation | Data as on July 2021 | All figures in %

flation that has made their finances unsustainable. This has forced many of them to put a squeeze on their spending while also making a large dent in savings and investments.

"I have cut my investment in mutual funds by half and my annual PPF contribution to one third. Pension and health insurance premium is continuing, but even these have gone up. I know this is not a wise thing to do, but we have an option," notes Manish.

Personal finance experts claim that this is the situation of many salaried professionals. "Sudden loss of income, especially for young salaried professionals, is financially devastating. I do not blame them as there is a limit to which one can cut corners. Many have re-

turned to their home towns and are working from home to save on their rent and transportation costs, to partially compensate for the income loss. But now, with offices opening people are reluctant to be back to offices with reduced incomes and high expenses," says Rajesh Malhotra, a person finance advisor based in Mumbai.

And there are statistics to buttress the claims.

Take the kitchen budget for instance. Compared to the pre-pandemic period, the cost of cooking oil, a staple kitchen item, has gone up by 50 per cent in just one year; the cost of LPG has gone up from ₹495 in December 2019, to now ₹857; dal prices are up by 25 per cent; loose tea prices up by 39 per cent; personal care products by

15-18 per cent; and even the cost of daily bread has risen by 20-25 per cent. Consumers, meanwhile, claim that despite cutting corners, their kitchen and grocery budget is up by 25-30 per cent compared to the pre-pandemic period. Not to mention cost of vegetables and items in the food basket.

Coming to consumer durables, even common items like television sets (TV) have seen a double-digit hike in prices.

Expenses are steeper for those whose jobs involve travelling, with commuting budgets up by as much as 25 per cent, thanks to all-time high petrol and diesel prices.

"Inflation and salary cuts have pushed back financial goals by at least three years. Even when salaries are being restored in offices, it is not enough to match the rise in the cost of living. While most of my clients are still committed to insurance and pension plans, their other savings are skewed by 30-35 per cent," Rohit Jain, another financial advisor, said. Jain also added that while people in the lower income bracket are cutting investments, those in the high income brackets are investing more.

"There are two opposite trends in investment. My clients who have monthly disposal above ₹2 lakhs have hiked their mutual fund and equity exposure and are investing more aggressively, more than the pre-pandemic period, riding on the bullish market. And

some have got good returns too. The income divide was always there. It has just gotten worse thanks to the pandemic," Jain points out.

### Prioritise expenses

Often, in such situations, people cut down investments drastically or completely stop them. But this may prove to be a fatal strategy in the long run.

Instead experts advise trying to prioritise expenses by cutting down unnecessary spending and ensuring continued investment even if one can only invest smaller amounts.

"While we understand the loss of income, we advise against cutting on investment decisions or worse postponing it for the next year. Invest even when it is 15-20 per cent lower than last year," says Malhotra.

You can also prioritise some investments over others. You may like to continue investing in your core portfolio composed of mutual funds, bank deposits, Employee Provident Funds and PPFs. You may reduce or completely stop investments in direct stock, gold, and crypto-currencies. However, equity continues to give good returns, so continue equity mutual funds. EPFs and PPFs are also good investments given their risk-return trade-off. Some extra money in the savings account will also help in emergencies.

Of course, you must not stop your term life and health insurance policies.



## NBFCs may get Aadhaar Authentication Licences

THE Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to allow NBFCs and payment service providers to apply for obtaining Aadhaar e-KYC Authentication Licence will promote digitisation and check frauds, opined Fintech players.

The RBI has said NBFCs, Payment System Providers and Payment System Participants desirous of obtaining Aadhaar Authentication Licence-KYC User Agency (KUA) License or sub-KUA License, may submit their application to the central bank for onward submission to Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

The initiative will also help in improving trust levels among customers because only licensed entities will be permitted to conduct eKYC, said Ankit Bhatnagar, Head of Product, Mswipe. "Now, NBFCs can improve compliance and also ensure that the popular mechanism of customer on-boarding for which they had to depend on third party players can be offered directly through a KUA licence," he said. *PTI*

### CORRIGENDUM

The 18th September, 2021 edition of The New Indian Express had carried a story with the headline: "American Express onboards 80,000 small retailers to target customer acquisitions". The story had inadvertently mentioned that the Reserve Bank of India has partially lifted the ban on American Express from issuing credit cards in India. The headline also wrongly mentioned that the 80,000 retailers that American Express has roped in will target customer acquisition. American Express has clarified that the RBI restrictions have not been lifted and that the 80,000 retailers have been roped in to service existing clients and not to target new customer acquisitions. The error is regretted.

RAJAS KELKAR

HERE is something about Gen Z, the age-group of people born on or after 2000. The pandemic has left them with no choice but to learn to adapt. A youth study in India has been aptly titled 'Atmanirbhar by Circumstance' by MTV, a music channel owned by the US-based Viacom group. They interviewed over 26,000 people in the age group of 15-25 years from 50 Indian cities. These answered 185 questions covering topics such as education, money, romance, and national interest.

For the sake of this column, we will focus on the attitude of the young generation towards money and work.

The findings show that making money in quick time dominates the thought process of most of these youngsters. As many as 46 per cent of them said that money is all that matters. That is up from 21 per cent in 2019, according to the study. That, perhaps, explains the dramatic surge in stock market trading and demat accounts over the past two years. For years, the number of demat accounts languished around 2.5 crore. Over the past two years, that has jumped to 7 crore. Most of those in financial services attribute that to the presence of youngsters. The study reaffirms that these youngsters intend to make money quick.

The study finds that most youngsters are opportunistic and are looking to diversify their bets. They cannot put all eggs in one basket anymore.

Your money always needed the support of that attitude. For years, youngsters were told to save and put aside money in safe assets for a rainy day. When the rainy

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day arrived, many have perhaps realised that merely keeping in safe investments like a bank or fixed deposits is not enough. They need much more than that. The other realisation the young have had is that they cannot be a 'one-trick pony' any more. They need a side-hustle to make more money. So, the way to tackle the present crisis due to the pandemic is to boost your overall income.

With an emphasis on earning more and investing more, you need to arm yourself with the proper knowledge. There are significant pitfalls if you walk blindly in the investment world. Starting up with exchange-traded funds or index funds, you

can get the taste of investing in equity. As your confidence grows, you can add diversified equity funds. In the meantime, you can learn about direct investing. There is a lot of online help available to you. Suppose you are a non-finance person and are unlikely to track financial markets regularly.

In that case, you are better off investing reg-



ularly in index or exchange-traded funds or diversified equity mutual funds.

However, if you are keen to learn, you need to take small steps. You must understand clearly the difference between investing and trading. There are different levels of risks associated with investing. You need to be up to speed with all of them.

Investing, trading and making money requires you to make an effort to learn. That needs to be a continuous process.

### Future of the young

Employment prospects in India are a challenge going forward. The Covid-19 pandemic has set back businesses significantly. Small and medium-sized firms will take years to recover. New job opportunities have to be created or found. Public data on jobs shows a mixed picture.

India's total bank lending to the non-financial sector was at 57.4 per cent of GDP in 2020. That is well below the average 100 per cent in emerging market economies. If banks do not lend money to businesses, they would not expand capacity or hire new people. The below-par lending by banks is when interest rates are trending low due to stable or low inflation. A lot depends on the risks young people take into investing in themselves or new ideas going forward.

The advantage of being young is that you can afford to make mistakes now. Learn from them and rebuild. Having time on your hands is the biggest asset. In the MTV survey, they found that the young are now learning to make money out of their passion and hobbies. That is a good sign.

(The author is editor-in-chief at [www.moneyminute.in](http://www.moneyminute.in))

## THE REASON WHY ULIPS ARE GETTING MORE POPULAR

In my last column, we commenced a discussion on how the Unit Linked Insurance Plan (ULIP) was seen to be the preference of several investors in a recent Survey by a life insurance company. It indicated that that two out of every three respondents in the survey seemed inclined to consider investing in ULIPs in the coming year.

I also mentioned at the end of the last column that I am far from surprised since I, for one, am never skeptical about the utility of any financial product. It is always the case of identifying the temperament of investors and those that would do better with one product than the other.

We also addressed some of the myths surrounding ULIPs and reviewed a case where a ULIP might have been a more appropriate product given the temperament of the investor.

Compulsive spenders are another category who could definitely benefit from investing in a ULIP rather than a more liquid product that they can easily redeem and spend the proceeds.

As one who has more than an academic interest in the behavioural patterns of investors, my conclusion is that ULIPs usually inculcate a forced sense of discipline into those investors who are best suited for this product. More importantly, it also ensures that they do not barter their long term goals and objectives to fulfill their near term needs and desires. And that to my mind, is the deal clincher.

The USP of a ULIP, and this seems to have featured

prominently in the above mentioned survey, is the flexibility this instrument offers an investor to switch between equity and debt, depending on market conditions, without incurring any tax liability on the switch in and switch out.

With a well qualified advisor, whose asset allocation skills are superior, this product can be used optimally to enhance returns or protection, depending on the investor's objective.

Alongside, a ULIP also offers a Life Cover benefit which can be flexed if one wishes, on reaching different life-cycle stage milestones. Another deal sweetener is that ULIP premiums are eligible for a tax deduction under Section 80C. Furthermore, the returns received on maturity are still exempt from income tax under Section 10(10D) of the Income-tax Act upto a specified threshold limit which favours retail investors.

These are multiple benefits that an ULIP offers. It is worth noting here though that with a ULIP, the objective should be to stay invested over a long time horizon and not the minimum mandatory five-year lock-in period.

With a dynamic asset allocation mix that gets periodically fine-tuned based on a long term goal or objective, the returns over a 10-year plus period can be quite impressive. This is primarily because longer term tenures give enough time for the ULIP's front-loaded costs to be absorbed and lower costs to set in, thus allowing the power of compounding to kick in.



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### EXPRESS READ

#### PE firm Advent buys Eureka Forbes for ₹4,400 cr

New Delhi: After a long wait, the Shapoorji Pallonji Group has closed the sale process of its consumer durables business under the Eureka Forbes label by picking the American private equity fund Advent International's ₹4,400-crore offer for a 72 per cent stake. The sale process, which began in November 2019, will help the over 156-year-old SP Group pair the debt pile and sharpen the focus on the flagship construction and engineering business under Afcons.

#### Dish TV seeks to extend AGM

New Delhi: Direct-to-Home service provider Dish TV, which is facing a special notice from its shareholder Yes Bank to remove its Managing Director Jawahar Goel along with four other directors, has sought an extension of time for holding the annual general meeting of the company. The AGM of Dish TV was scheduled to be held on September 27, 2021.

#### Gofrugal to expand in Tier II & III locations

New Delhi: Gofrugal on Sunday said it was eyeing stepping up its presence in Tier II and III locations, including Thane, Noida, Kolkata and Cochin as part of strengthening its footprint, besides looking at doubling revenues in the coming years. The city-based company recently inaugurated its first office in Madurai with an employee base of 90.

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— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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## FOMC meet to guide stock markets this week, some profit booking likely

EN'S ECONOMIC BUREAU  
@ New Delhi

INDIA'S equity market had a stellar run last week. Despite a steep fall seen in the second half of Friday's session, benchmark index Sensex closed above the 59,000-mark for the first time, rising 710.82 points to 59,015.89, while the Nifty50 climbed 215.90 points to 17,585.15 points.

This strong surge came even as experts were expecting the market to remain range bound. However, positive economic data and government reforms in the telecom, banking, and automobile sectors helped

boost market sentiments. Sector-wise, banking stocks gained the maximum last week. The BSE Bankex zoomed 3.46 per cent to 43,262 over the last five trading sessions.

Going ahead this week, the FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) meeting in the United States and other global cues are likely to be dominant factors in determining India's equity market trajectory. "This week is going to be critical for the Indian market after a recent out-performance because there is some weakness in global markets where the outcome of FO-

MC's meeting which is scheduled on 21-22nd September will be a critical factor. There is a possibility that the US Fed may talk about the timeline of bond tapering which could be as early as November and that may lead to a cautious move in the global equity markets," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart.

Similarly, Siddhartha Khemka, Head-Retail Research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said that the weak global cues on account of worries over slower economic growth and rising Delta vari-

ant cases globally would see markets oscillating between greed and fear. "Nervousness would be seen in the market next week ahead of the Federal Reserve meeting, which could provide some indications on when the central bank will start withdrawing its monetary stimulus and start raising interest rates eventually," added Khemka.

Experts also warned that profit booking may take place this week and investors should

avoid making aggressive bets at the current level. "The trend is extremely strong, but honestly, the current move is not giving us comfort at all. We reiterate that when things start to look hunky dory and there are no signs of correction, the market surprises. Yes, it's difficult to predict the precise time, but it's always better to be safe than sorry. As of now, we are not advising to short but at least one can choose to keep booking profits on a regular interval

and stay light on positions," said Sameet Chavan (Chief Analyst-Technical and Derivatives, Angel Broking).

He added, "As far as levels are concerned, 17700-17800 are to be seen as immediate hurdles; whereas on the flipside, 17450-17250 should be treated as key supports. The first sign of real weakness would come only if we start sliding below the lower range."

In the IPO market, Paras Defence and Space Technologies will commence its share sale from September 21 till September 23. The price band for the offer has been fixed at ₹165-175 per piece.

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The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagees and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession on the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on mentioned dates. The Borrowers in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Karnataka Gramin Bank**, to the amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**1) Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagees / Guarantors:** borrower (1) Sri.Govindaraju M.V. S/o Venkataramiah, (2) Sri G.Venkatesh S/o M.Govindaraju, Both are R/at No.162, Machchali, Dasanapura (H), Bengaluru-560091, (3) Smt.Devamma V/o Anjana Murthy (Guarantor), Riat Raghavendra Temple Road, Machchali Colony, Bagamarg (P) Bangalore-560091.

Branch : Byadarahalli

Demand notice dated: 25/11/2020

Possession notice dated: 13.09.2021

**Outstanding Amount:** Rs.1,12,871/- (Rupees One Lakh Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Only) as on 09/08/2021 and interest from 10/08/2021 for A/c.No.42223102000415 & Rs.73,147/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Six Hundred One Hundred Forty seven Only) as on 04.09.2021 and interest from 05/09/2021 for A/c.No.42223102002413.

**Description Of The Immoveable Property:** All that part and parcel of the property having Site No.162 (Southern Portion). Khattha No.162 measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 15 feet situated at Machchali Colony, Dasanapura (H), Bangalore North Taluk. This Property is in the name of Sri Govindaraju M.V. S/o Venkataramiah Bounded: East by: Road, West by: Harumathiah's House, North by: Vacant Site No.162 belongs to R.S.Yegesh, South by: Others Property.

**2) Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagees / Guarantors:** borrower (1) Sri.Raghu K G S/o Gavivogda K B, R/at No.16, Muneshwara Layout, Bharath Nagar, 2nd stage, Bengaluru-560091. (2) Sri.Chandrasekhar S/o Manjappa (Guarantor), R/at No.65, Muneshwara Layout, Bharath Nagar 2nd stage, Bengaluru-560091.

Branch : Byadarahalli

Demand notice dated: 25/11/2020

Possession notice dated: 13.09.2021

**Outstanding Amount:** Rs.1,95,288/- (Rupees One Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Eight Only) as on 13/08/2021 and interest from 14/08/2021 for A/c.No.42223102000415 & Rs.73,147/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Six Hundred One Hundred Forty seven Only) as on 04.09.2021 and interest from 05/09/2021 for A/c.No.42223102002413.

**Description Of The Immoveable Property:** All that part and parcel of property bearing Residential Building No.16 (Southern Portion). Khattha No.493118 (Old No.67), Angurapalle No.67 in the land of P.O.87 measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 15 feet situated at Herohalli Village, Yashwanthura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru. This Property is in the name of Sri Raghu K G S/o Gavivogda K.B. Bounded: East by: Site No.25, North by: Balance portion of Site No.16, South by: Site No.17.

**3) Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagees / Guarantors:** borrower: (1) Sri.Srinivasiah H V S/o Late Venkatappa, R/at No.70, Ward No.70 (Old No.34), 2nd main, 6th cross, Near SB ATM, Budgunde Anjaniah Swamy Temple, Sirigandhakavalu, Bengaluru-560091, (2) Sri.S.Ravikumar S/o Shankarappa K.M (Guarantor), R/at No.221, 80'feet ring road, 6th block, 2nd stage, Nagarahavi, Bengaluru-560072.

Branch : Byadarahalli

Demand notice dated: 10/11/2020

Possession notice dated: 13.09.2021

**Outstanding Amount:** Rs.8,54,259/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Nine Only) as on 11/08/2021 and interest from 12/08/2021 for A/c.No.42223102000006 & Rs.1,73,893/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Eight Hundred Three Only) as on 30/08/2021 and interest from 31/08/2021 for A/c.No.4222324001014 & Rs.13,63,623/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred & Twenty Three Only) as on 31/08/2021 and interest from 01/09/2021 for A/c.No.12223130000006.

**Description Of The Immoveable Property:** All that part and parcel of the property bearing Site No.151/, Khattha No.(20/11/51) Old No.(20/15/1), measuring East to West 24.5 feet and North to South 20 feet situated at Malagiya Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru. This Property is in the name of Smt.Venkatesh H P s/o Puttaswamy. Bounded: East by 4 C common passage over of Property No.1515, West by: Site No.14, North by: Road, South by: Kadrapada's Property.

**4) Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagees / Guarantors:** borrower (1) Sri.Venkatesh H P S/o Puttaswamy, (2)Mts Navanihi Medicals & General Stores Prop: Sri.Venkatesh H P S/o Puttaswamy, R/at No.151, 8th block, Malagiya (V), Nagarabathi 2nd stage, Kottepalya, Bengaluru-560073. (3) Sri.Sunil Kumar (Guarantor for Mortgage Loan & Housing Loan), R/at No.7, 11th cross, Sanjeevaniganahalli, Mudalipalya, Bengaluru-560072.

Branch : Byadarahalli

Demand notice dated: 12/03/2021

Possession notice dated: 13.09.2021

**Outstanding Amount:** Rs.7,30,124/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Four Only) as on 18/08/2021 and interest from 19/08/2021 for A/c.No.42223102000006 & Rs.1,73,893/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Eight Hundred Three Only) as on 30/08/2021 and interest from 31/08/2021 for A/c.No.4222324001014 & Rs.13,63,623/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred & Twenty Three Only) as on 31/08/2021 and interest from 01/09/2021 for A/c.No.12223130000006.

**Description Of The Immoveable Property:** All that part and parcel of the property bearing Site No.151/, Khattha No.(20/11/51) Old No.(20/15/1), measuring East to West 24.5 feet and North to South 20 feet situated at Malagiya Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru. This Property is in the name of Smt.Venkatesh H P s/o Puttaswamy. Bounded: East by 4 C common passage over of Property No.1515, West by: Site No.14, North by: Road, South by: Kadrapada's Property.

**5) Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagees / Guarantors:** borrower (1) Sri. Thimmaraju S/o Late Thimmannaiah, (2) Smt. Saroja W/o Thimmaraju, (3) Sri. Marachar R. S/o Thimmaraju, All are R/at No.145, Sai Nilaya, Ramandra, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru-560096, (4)Sri.Ranganjaru S/o Rangappa (Guarantor), R/at No.17, Ramandasa village, Sulikere post, Bengaluru-560060.

Branch : Malathihalli

Demand notice dated: 11/03/2020

Possession notice dated: 13.09.2021

**Outstanding Amount:** Rs.9,12,911/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven Only) as on 27/08/2021 and interest from 28/08/2021 for A/c.No.42223102000006 & Rs.1,73,8



# China grapples with health time bomb Alzheimer's

Country has no means to deal with its biggest, fastest-growing medical problem, experts say

## HEALTH

**BEIJING:** The first time Chen Shaohua went missing and was picked up by police, the 68-year-old's family put it down to confusion. When he disappeared a second time, they realised he was deeply unwell — but it was already too late.

"We missed the early signs," daughter Chen Yuanyuan explained. Doctors diagnosed Chen with Alzheimer's Dis-

ease, the most common form of dementia, where people suffer impaired cognitive function including memory loss, eventually needing full-time care.

Approximately 10 mn people have been diagnosed with the degenerative and incurable brain disorder in China, which accounts for approximately a quarter of the world's cases.

As the country's population is rapidly aging, this figure is expected to soar to 40 mn by

2050, according to a study by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

The report warned this surge in cases would cost the economy \$1 trillion each year in medical expenses and lost productivity as caregivers drop out of the workforce.

The WHO says that while dementia is not "an inevitable consequence of biological aging", the strongest risk factor for getting it is age.

And while this is a growing problem worldwide — experts

say China is poorly prepared for the challenge.

The United States has 6.2 million Alzheimer's patients and 73,000 beds in specialist treatment centres, while China has double the cases but fewer than 200 beds.

"No healthcare problem looms larger in China than Alzheimer's Disease," said Wei Shouchao, a neurologist from Guangdong medical university.

"It is the fastest-growing major illness on the mainland, and we are not at all equipped to deal with it."

When Chen started misplacing his keys or wallet, his family thought it was just forgetfulness.

The first time he went missing, it took 40 hours to find him. Police picked him up after someone reported an attempted break-in.

"(It) looked like the place where we used to live. Dad was confused," his daughter told AFP. Last year, Beijing announced the Healthy China

2030 action plan that aims to roll out community-level screening programs for the early detection of Alzheimer's or dementia and raise public awareness about the disease.

However, critics say the proposals do not include details about training doctors, building dedicated care facilities or increasing the capacity of public hospitals. "Rural doctors aren't trained for early diagnosis," said Wei. "Even Beijing has only one care home with staff trained to handle Alzheimer's patients."



## Tourist trip to orbit ends with splashdown

### SPACE

**WASHINGTON:** Four SpaceX tourists returned to Earth safely on Saturday after spending 3 days in space, successfully concluding the first orbital mission in history with no professional astronauts on board.

The SpaceX Dragon capsule, whose heat shield allowed it to withstand descent, was slowed down by four large parachutes before splashing into the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Florida at 7:06 pm, according to a video feed by the company. "That was a heck of a ride for us, and we're just getting start-



ed," billionaire captain Jared Isaacman, who financed the trip with a goal of making space a bit more accessible, said shortly after landing.

A SpaceX boat immediately retrieved the capsule, before its hatch was opened and the space tourists, smiling broadly and waving their arms in the air, exited one by one.

## Storks prefer canals over wetlands

### ORNITHOLOGY

**CHANDIGARH:** In a first-of-its-kind study, ornithologists discovered that the woolly-necked stork prefers irrigation canals over wetlands. They found a large breeding population in Jhajjar and Rohtak districts of Haryana. These districts have witnessed agriculture for over a century.

Along with densely populated villages and towns, most of the areas in these two districts are crop fields, watered both by rainfall and the incredibly high network of irrigation canals.

Lead researcher K S Gopi Sundar, co-chair of the IUCN Stork, Ibis and Spoonbill specialist group, said the 4-year study looked at 298 nests.

Rather than locating their nests on the relatively large tree patches there, the storks nested entirely on either single trees in crop fields, or on the row of agro-forestry trees planted along irrigation canals.

"They were entirely indifferent to trees beside wetlands," Sundar said, adding that they nested far from humans.

### THE 4TH INGREDIENT

## Early dark energy can solve mystery of Universe expansion

### COSMOLOGY

**HUMANS** could be close to solving a long-standing conundrum about the rate of expansion of the Universe.

Cosmologists have found signs of an 'early dark energy' that might have existed at the start of the Universe — in the first 3,00,000 years after the Big Bang.

Researchers modelled that the evolution of the Universe contained three primary ingredients: dark energy, dark matter (which is the primary cause of the formation of galaxies) and ordinary matter, which accounts for less than 5% of the Universe's total mass and energy. Using this data they calculated the exact rate of expansion of the Universe.

However, for the past decade or so, accurate measurements of the expansion showed that the rate of expansion was faster by 5 to 10 per cent. The two latest studies, both posted on the arXiv preprint server in the past week, factored in 'early dark energy' and found that the

result were matching with the current rate of expansion of the Universe. Also, they calculated that the Universe is 12.4 billion years old, about 11% younger than the 13.8 billion years calculated using the standard model.

The studies had detected a tentative first trace of the 'early dark energy' in data collected between 2013 and 2016 by the Atacama Cosmology telescope (ACT) in Chile.

The authors of both the separate studies concede that the data is not strong enough to detect 'early dark energy' with a high of confidence. But further observations from the ACT and another observatory, the South Pole Telescope in Antarctica, could provide a more stringent test soon.

"If this really is true — if the early Universe really did feature early dark energy — then we should see a strong signal," Colin Hill, a co-author of the ACT team's paper, told the news section of *Nature*.



### TUNED TO THE COSMOS

A close-up of the the Atacama Cosmology Telescope located on Cerro Toco in the Atacama desert in Chile's north | M DEVLIN, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Kushee Ravi to  
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## DAY'S DIARY

### Battle of the sexes

On September 20, 1973, in a 'Battle of the Sexes' tennis match, top women's player Billie Jean King beat Bobby Riggs, a former No. 1 men's player

## MYSOGYNY ON DISPLAY

Riggs, a self-proclaimed male chauvinist, had claimed that women were inferior and couldn't handle the pressure of the game, that he could beat any female player



## ON THE COURT

The 55-year-old Riggs showed his lack of respect for 29-year-old King by playing the first three games of the match wearing his 'Sugar Daddy' jacket



## VIEWERS

The match was a huge media event, witnessed in person by over 30,000 spectators at the Houston Astrodome and by another 50 million TV viewers worldwide

Flip through some of the rare books that document the history of fashion and art at the reading room of this hi-fashion store



A visitor glancing through *Dori*, a photobook, in the reading room set up at Ffolio | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

## Substance with style

SANATH PRASAD

WESTERN designers customising apparels for Indian princes; legendary actor Rajesh Khanna's guru collar and kurta shirts; the wide range of shawls from Kerman (Iran) to Kashmir. A reading room set-up at Ffolio, a hi-fashion retail store in the city, is offering its shoppers a deep dive into the history of fashion. Curated by Ffolio in collaboration with Papertrail, a pop-up photobook library and reading room, the store is now displaying a series of photobooks on fashion and art that give a sneak-peek into how fashion has evolved over the years - from the fields of feudal rule to Bollywood and the changes in styles brought about during the pandemic.



According to Yashodhara Shroff, founder of Ffolio, these photobooks are a pictorial representation of fashion dating back to centuries. "These are rare books that give an account of the old fashion style that was in sync with India's heritage. It will be an eye-opener for upcoming fashion designers to learn. It's also an attempt to create a public discourse on various fashion trends and shed light in the minds of clients and designers alike on fashion, textile and photographs in general," says Shroff.

On September 15, Ffolio also organised an event, inviting authors to give the shoppers a glimpse into some of their works. Kaam-

na Patel, author of *Dori*, who was present at the event, says, "The store has come out with the concept of a photobook which is a special ecosystem in itself. *Dori* is a photobook exploring the relationship between my grandparents through archived images of the houses. The book is also wrapped in my grandmother's fabric. This is to help the readers understand the generation gap and the struggles they underwent during those days," says Patel, a visual artist based in Mumbai.

Other books on display include *100 Iconic Bollywood Costumes* by Aparna Ram and Sujata Assmull that trace the evolution of fashion in the cinema industry. From yesteryear classics like *Mughal-E-Azam* to recent releases like *Chennai Express*, the book delves into how fashion designers were influenced by Western and Middle-Eastern outfits. Similarly, *Made for Maharajas* by Amin Jaffer is a book on how Indian kings were highly influenced by European cultures to satisfy their appetite for luxury goods. Another book titled *Fake Encounter* by Rohit Saha is a photobook documenting the unrest in Kashmir, while *Flexing Muscles* by Ravikumar Kashi explains the flex banner culture in Bengaluru stretching from politics to cinema.

The reading room is open to the public at Ffolio, Vittal Mallya Road, till September 22. For more details, call 080-41246053

ANILA KURIAN

THE activity at Cubbon Park is in full swing on Sundays in particular, ever since the lockdown has eased. Filled with walkers, runners, dog-walkers, the latest addition is a lively group of skaters who are painting the luscious green space red. After a hiatus owing to the pandemic, Bengaluru Skaters are back, zooming across the large area of the park on Sunday mornings.

Started by software engineer Divye Karde in 2016, the skating community in the city has been a vibrant one. But the lockdowns owing to the pandemic played spoilsport, leading to a slowdown. However, they are now back in small numbers to hone their skills and show them off through Instagram reels. Speaking to *CE*, Karde says, "We had about 30 people join us on Sunday, without us even making an announcement anywhere. You'll find people between the age of three and 50+ skating at the park."

As much as they'd love to meet more often, Sunday is the only day that working professionals get the time off and the day that Cubbon Park is closed for vehicles. "We have a few veterans in the group who joined us on a voluntary basis and teach others. The classes are free and the only thing people need to come in with are their skates and some patience to learn," Karde says, adding that the best way to learn is to start practising on the grass. "This way, you can learn to get a balance and also not worry about any injury. Though kids learn faster, it's amazing to watch older people picking it up really quickly too," he says.

Their social media pages are

Cubbon Park is abuzz on Sundays as roller skaters make their way to the green space after a hiatus owing to the pandemic

## LET THE GOOD TIMES 'ROLL'



Working professionals and kids learn skating from Divye Karde and other trainers at Cubbon Park on Sunday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

a hoot. Keeping up with the trends, they create plenty of videos, reels and images that are fun, attractive and eventually get more people interested in the sport. "It's not a hard one to learn but patience and perseverance are key," Karde says. When he moved to the city

from Madhya Pradesh, he felt this was a great way to meet new people and explore his hobby. "It was a pleasant surprise to see that there were many other like-minded people too. We have everyone from professionals to amateurs in the group, but there's absolute-

ly no judgement from anyone. Everyone's sole agenda is to have fun, take a break from their usual routine and get better at it," he says.

So, is the natural progression to participate in a tournament or competition? "Honestly, the agenda isn't to do that, but



We had about 30 people join us yesterday [Sunday], without us even making an announcement anywhere. We have people between the ages of three and 50+ skating at the park

Divye Karde, skating instructor

schools now provide professional training and there are some who go to outside centres to garner the skill set. However, before the pandemic, we did go to Leh to participate in the ice-skating tournament," he says, adding that he is planning a trip in January.

## Walking down memory lane

In a Q&A chat with her fans, actor Deepika Padukone asked them to "Drop a word below & I'll tell you what it reminds me of..." When one of the suggestions was ice cream, the Bengaluru star said, "When I think of ice cream, I think of school. Every Wednesday, we had a person coming and selling us ice creams - vanilla flavour and strawberry flavour - and you had to pay five rupees for a cone." It was a pleasant surprise to hear the student of Sophia High School mention a memory from the city again!



## Celebrating milestones

Actor Vaishnavi Gowda took to Instagram to celebrate her milestone of one million followers on the platform. Holding a 1M sign, she captioned the picture, "Yaaaay! One million it is. Blessed to have a million hearts by my side. Thank you everyone for your love and support. #vaishnavians you guys have been great support:) love you guys forever. (sic)" Check out her post on Instagram.



## CITY READ



## Crafts mela comes to city

Grand Flea Market, in association with Chittara, is organising the Bangalore Arts and Crafts Mela till September 26. The exhibition hosts over 80 stalls and visitors can shop for a wide range of products, including arts and crafts, clothing, jewellery, home décor, furniture, and handicrafts products, from exhibitors across India. The mela also has a wide range of Kashmiri sarees and shawls, silk sarees from Manipur, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The mela will be held between 11 am and 7 pm, at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumara Krupa Road.

A Class 12 student's book on women's struggles towards financial independence captures the raw stories of Indian women from 12 states

## EXPRESS FEATURES

WHAT are the influential factors that restrict women's financial independence?" This key question led Nikita, a Class 12 student from Canadian International School, to pen a book, 'Blooming: Unfiltered Stories of Indian Women's Struggles with Financial Independence', a non-fiction work highlighting women's struggles to attain financial independence. The book uncovers the suppressed feelings of common Indian women and redefines financial independence to encompass issues going beyond monetary limitations.

Discussions in the book are founded on the raw stories of real Indian women from across 12 states who volunteered with their experiences with the hopes of highlighting the struggles of numerous other women like themselves. With conversa-

## TAKING NOTE



tions about gender roles, education, marriage, inheritance, and workplaces, the book delves into multiple constraints for women. "In many families, the women don't work but men do. I wanted to understand the effects of this gender gap in a

larger way. In the course of my research, I came across vast quantitative data, but I was inspired more by the qualitative stories that backed the numbers up. I am volunteering with Florence, an app that focuses on increasing loan funding to women. Their initiative is enhancing financial independence of women to further empower and support them in start-up initiatives. I am interested in continuing advocacy on women's financial literacy and independence with them," says Nikita, who has helped with marketing and also hosted workshops for their applicants and customers on financial literacy at Florence. She has been researching financial literacy on her own, and she took an online course from Penn State, which helped her build the modules for her workshops. Nikita then modified the modules to meet the needs of Indian women she was working with.

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called *She Knows Grub*, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are



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## TECHNO NIGHT

If you're looking for a fun night to party, hang out with DJ HOS and Ankytrix as they will be performing at Sunburn Solaris, at Leela Palace Bengaluru.  
**When:** Oct 1  
**Details:** bookmyshow.com



## GAMING ZONE

K.O.S Theory, the GameBar, is a new hotspot for those who enjoy playing dart. It has 10 dart lanes, outdoor area and a collection of party games for one to enjoy.  
**Where:** Koramangala **Details:** 9972104540



## MAKEUP LESSONS

Makeup artist Navreet Josan will be taking a two-day course, in four sessions, to teach you everything related to makeup.  
**When:** Oct 2-3  
**Details:** insider.in



## CELEBRATION MODE

As part of their first anniversary, Seven Rivers Brewing Company is organising a seven-day revelry. The event includes festivities, witty trivia, musical evening, flea market, barbecue day among others.  
**When:** Sept 20 onwards  
**Where:** Taj, M 6 Road **Details:** 9986906067



## MUSICAL EVENING

Enjoy a series of music performances at Phoenix Market city this weekend. Some of the music bands which will be performing include Kalatva Fusion Band, A Square Project, Boomerang, Raged The Band. Entry is free  
**When:** Ongoing



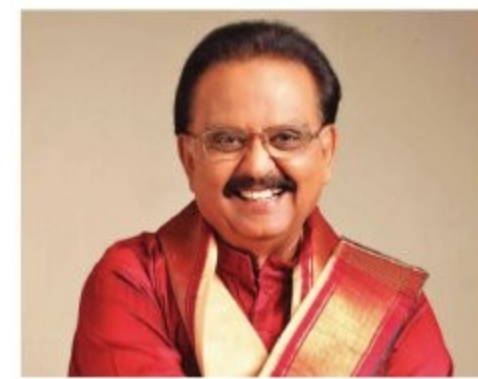
## SHADOW SHOW

Hand gesture performed by artist Prahlad Acharya will take place at Bangalore Arts & Crafts Mela at Karnataka Chittakala Parishath, Kumaara Krupa Road.  
**When:** Sept 25  
**Details:** allevents.in



## ALBUM LAUNCH

Ritviz and Nurdya collaborated to create their new song 'Baaraat'. The album will be launched at Whitefield Social.  
**When:** Sept 25  
**Details:** insider.in



## RETRO MUSIC

Paattu Thalaivan Paadinaal is a conceptual musical concert put together to celebrate SP Balasubramaniam by his son and playback singer SP Charan, along with singer Priyanka and others, at The Bangalore Gayana Samaja.  
**When:** Oct 9 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

## Biz Literature Festival

At Bangalore Business Literature Festival, authors and business leaders will be discussing the future of careers and work, lesser-known success secrets of start-ups and marketing challenges, among others.  
**When:** Sept 21-23 **Details:** allevents.in



## QUICK FIX

### What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.



## MEDU VADA

### INGREDIENTS

- Urad dal: 1 cup (250 ml)
- Water: 1/4th cup (60 ml)
- Curry leaves: 2 sprigs
- Onion: 1, finely chopped
- Ginger: 1/2 inch, finely chopped
- Chilli: 1, finely chopped
- Red dried chilli whole: 3-4
- Salt: to taste

### METHOD

- Soak urad dal for five hours and strain the water completely.
- Grind the dal in small batches without water, add 1/4th glass of water little by little and grind again till you get a smooth batter. Refrigerate batter for 1 hour.
- After 1 hour, let it sit outside for 15-20 minutes.
- Add salt, curry leaves, onion, ginger, red chilli, green chilli.
- Shape the vada into a doughnut shape.
- Heat oil in a deep vessel with a thick bottom. Once the oil is hot enough use only medium flame for frying.
- Fry the vadas and enjoy with some coconut chutney or peanut chutney.

— Anpu Zachariah, Bengaluru

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### KUMBHAKASANA

(PLANK POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'kumbhaka' means breath retention and 'asana' means pose. It is a strengthening and balancing pose that prepares the arms and core for more advanced arm-balancing asanas. It is often used as a transitional pose between Sun Salutation flows, especially in Vinyasa and Ashtanga yoga. It can do wonders in helping you build body and mental strength. By holding the breath for a few seconds to minutes, it helps tone the nervous system. It promotes feelings of inner strength, spiritual alignment and balance. It is thought to open the Ajna (third eye) chakra. It also activates the Manipura (solar plexus) chakra, or the power center of the body.

### STEPS

- Kneel down on the mat with hands on the thighs.
- Bend forward and place your hands on the floor.
- Raise the buttocks up to assume the cat position with the knees on the floor.
- Slide the feet back and raise the knees above the ground; balance the weight of the body with your hands and toes.
- Inhale and hold the breath. You may also breathe slowly and lightly in the final position. Keep the hands clasped.
- Hold the position for as long as you are comfortable. The head, trunk, back, and legs should all be in one straight line.
- To release the pose, bend the knees and bring them to the floor.

### BENEFITS

- Tones and strengthens upper body, core and abdominal muscles.
- Helps make your waist thin and get flat abs.
- Improves concentration and reduces restlessness and anxiety.
- Improves the strength of your arms, wrists and spine. Helps overcome all spine problems.
- Beneficial for people suffering from migraine and insomnia.
- Stretches and tones calves and hamstrings.

### LIMITATIONS

- People suffering from recent injuries to the arms, elbows, wrists or shoulders should avoid this. Those having carpal tunnel syndrome, should avoid.
- People suffering from leg injuries, cardiac issues, or problems of high/low blood pressure should avoid this.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



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### RX SOORI

A young gangster becomes infamous for his criminal activities in Andhra Pradesh. But things change when he falls in love with his childhood friend.

● Cast: Duniya Vijay, P Ravi Shankar, Adil Lokesh

### DIGGAJARU

A rich landlord and his servant bond irrespective of their status. When the landlord accidentally commits a murder, the servant decides to take the blame on himself.

● Cast: Vishnuvardhan, Sanghavi, Ambareesh, Umashree

### SIMHADRIYA SIMHA

Narasimha Gowde is the head of 48 villages and is revered by the villagers for his sincerity and wisdom. The situation changes when his elder son ascends the throne after his untimely death.

● Cast: Vishnuvardhan, Meena, Bhanupriya

### COLLEGE KUMAR

Kumar's father, an ordinary man, does everything in his power to give him a good future. However, when Kumar starts feeling the pressure, he starts rebelling.

● Cast: Samyuktha Hegde, P Ravi Shankar, Sadhu Kokila



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## WHAT'S ON TED TALKS



### 1 LIFE-ALTERING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE END OF THE WORLD BY KATIE MACK

In this fascinating conversation, cosmologist and TED Fellow Katie Mack delves into everything from the Big Bang theory to what we see at the edge of the observable universe to a few ways the cosmos might end. She recites an original poem on the wonder and marvel of existence.



### 2 A SCI-FI VISION OF LIFE IN 2041 BY CHEN QUIFAN

Sci-fi writer Chen Quifan doesn't fear a dystopian future. Instead, he believes developments in artificial intelligence will make all of our lives better, healthier and safer. He takes us on a tour of the next 20 years of AI and shares some astonishing predictions for the advancements in science and technology that could await us.



### 3 HOW TO STOP LANGUISHING AND START FINDING FLOW BY ADAM GRANT

Have you found yourself staying up late, joylessly bingeing TV shows and doom scrolling through the news, or simply navigating your day uninspired and aimless? Chances are you're languishing, says organizational psychologist Adam Grant — a psychic malaise that has become all too common after many months of the pandemic.



### 4 A SMART BRA FOR BETTER HEART HEALTH BY ALICIA CHONG RODRIGUEZ

In this quick talk, TED Fellow Alicia Chong Rodriguez introduces us to a smart bra designed to gather real-time data on biomarkers like heartbeat, breath and temperature. Learn how this life-saving gadget could help close the gender gap in cardiovascular research — and, finally, usher women's healthcare into the 21st century.



### 5 AN NFL QUARTERBACK ON OVERCOMING SETBACKS AND SELF-DOUBT BY ALEX SMITH

Former NFL quarterback Alex Smith almost died after a particularly rough tackle snapped his leg in 2018 — yet he was back on the field just two years later. In this inspiring talk, he shares his hard-won insights on overcoming fear, self-doubt and anxiety that could help anyone endure life's challenges.

## REGIONAL



### KURUTHI (Malayalam)

Kuruthi is a story about how enduring human relations that transcend boundaries struggle to survive trials of hatred and prejudice.

Cast: Prithviraj Sukumaran, Roshan Mathew, Murali Gopy  
● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

### BHOOT POLICE (Hindi)

Two brothers, Vibhooti and Chiranjivi, have fought their share of ghosts. However, a new case forces them to rethink their own abilities and beliefs.

Cast: Saif Ali Khan, Yami Gautam, Fatima Sana Shaikh  
● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar



### NETRIKANN (Tamil)

When fear grips Chennai as girls get abducted in the city, blind ex-cop Durga becomes the prime witness in the case and the kidnapper's object of obsession.

Cast: Nayanathara, Ajmal Ameer, Sharan Shakthi  
● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar



### TUCK JAGADISH (Telugu)

Aadisesh Naidu, is a revered man living with his family in a village known for greedy property fights among families. His sons love each other. After Aadisesh's unexpected demise, Bosu Babu turns against Jagadish and wants to grab his property. How Jagadish reunites his family and carries on his father's legacy forms the plot.

Cast: Nani, Ritu Varma, Jagapathi Babu  
● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

### MALGUDI DAYS (Kannada, series)

Malgudi Days is an Indian television series based on the eponymous works of RK Narayan. Each of the stories portrays a facet of life in Malgudi. The series was directed by Kannada actor and director Shankar Nag. Malgudi Days is a collection of short stories by RK Narayan. Each of the stories portrays a facet of life in Village named Malgudi.

Cast: Anant Nag, Deven Bhojani, Manjunath  
● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



### MAARI 2 (Tamil)

Maari, a local don, in his new naughty-turned-nice avatar, manages to get into the bad books of Beeja, a Murakami fan, who will stop at nothing to destroy him.

Cast: Dhanush, Sai Pallavi, Tovino Thomas  
● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

## FOREIGN

### KEVIN CAN F HIMSELF (English, series)

The series centred around the prototypical Sitcom Wife, Allison McRoberts, married to her self-centred husband, Kevin. When Allison learns that the perfect future she envisioned is impossible, she makes a plan to take back control of her life.

Cast: Annie Murphy, Mary Hollis Inboden, Eric Petersen  
● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



### MORTAL KOMBAT (English)

In Mortal Kombat, MMA fighter Cole Young, accustomed to taking a beating for money, is unaware of his heritage — or why Outworld's Emperor Shang Tsung has sent his best warrior, Sub-Zero, an otherworldly Cryomancer, to hunt Cole down.

Cast: Lewis Tan, Jessica McNamee, Josh Lawson  
● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



### FIREDRAKE THE SILVER DRAGON (German)

When his home is threatened by humans, a young dragon summons the courage to seek a mythical paradise where dragons can live in peace and fly free.

Cast: Thomas Brodie-Sangster, Felicity Jones, Freddie Highmore  
● Watch on: Netflix



### THE VOYEURS (English)

A young couple, find themselves becoming interested in the sex life of their neighbours across the street. What starts as innocent curiosity turns into an unhealthy obsession, after they discover that one neighbour is cheating. Temptation and desire cause their lives to become tangled together leading to deadly consequences.

Cast: Sydney Sweeney, Justice Smith, Ben Hardy  
● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

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| Prime Video     | ₹ 129 per month |
| Zee5            | ₹ 499 per year  |









Kushee Ravi

# KUSHEE TO DEBUT IN TELUGU WITH VI ANAND'S NEXT

THE ACTOR WILL BE PART OF DISCO RAJA DIRECTOR'S NEXT AND WILL STAR OPPOSITE SUNDEEP KISHAN

A SHARADHAA

**D**IA-fame Kushee Ravi is the latest Kannada heroine to make a foray into Telugu cinema. The actor will star in Sundeep Kishan's upcoming film with Disco Raja director Vi Anand. Bankrolled by Hasya Movies, the muhurat of the film took place on Sunday.

Speaking to us about her Telugu debut, Kushee revealed

that she is glad to enter a new industry with such a good script. "I am equally excited about collaborating with the team, which has such a well-known actor, director and production house," says Kushee, adding, "I'm looking forward to be working in a new industry. It will be a whole new experience for me."

The actor, who is currently stationed in Hyderabad, has two films — *Nakshatram* and *Spooky College* — in different stages of production. Meanwhile, the ac-

tor will simultaneously begin shooting for her next Kannada project, which will be helmed by debut director Darshan Apoorva, and feature her *Dia* co-star Pruthvi Amba opposite her. Written by Pruthvi himself, the muhurat of the yet-to-be-titled film took place on September 15, and the makers are planning to begin the shooting from mid-October. Interestingly, Kushee recently made a splash among Tamil audiences after featuring in the recent hit single, *Adipoli*.



Allari Nares, Sundeep Kishan, Kushee Ravi, Naga Shourya and team at the film's muhurat



Ram Gopal Varma with Upendra

## RGV-Upendra to team up for an action-drama

Fans call this unexpected announcement a crazy combination

CE FEATURES

**O**n the occasion of Upendra's birthday, Ram Gopal Varma took to social media to announce that the Real Star and he are coming together for an action film.

The maverick director, who made his Kannada debut with *Killing Veerappa*, said, "Happy to announce that Upendra and I are starting an action film very soon (sic)." The piece of news created a buzz on the internet, and there were a lot of reactions from fans, especially calling it a "crazy combination."

A source close to Upen-

dra said that the director and the actor have been in discussion for quite some time. However, it is yet to be decided when the project will go on floors. "Right now Upendra is training his focus on completing the shoot of *Kabzaa*, *Buddhivanth 2*, *Lagaam*, and will follow it with director Shashank's film. He also has plans of directing his next project," says our source.

With the announcement about RGV-Upendra collaboration, the industry is gearing up for developments on the same. Meanwhile, Upendra's news of his next directorial has also created quite the buzz.

## SriKrishna@gmail.com to hit screens on October 14

The bilingual film directed by Nagashekar, starring Krishna and Bhavana, will be out in Kannada and Malayalam

CE FEATURES

**N**AGASHEKAR'S upcoming directorial, *SriKrishna@gmail.com*, starring Krishna and Bhavana is slated to hit theatres on October 14 on the festive occasion of Dasara. Bankrolled by Sandesh Productions, the film to be distributed by Jayanna Films will release in Kannada and Malayalam. The makers are

planning to go ahead with the release of the Nagashekar directorial even if the seating capacity is restricted to only 50 per cent. "We have to obey and respect the government rules, and at the same time, we have to release the film," says Nagashekar, adding, "*SriKrishna@gmail.com* is sure to entertain the audience."

The team plans to soon kickstart the promotions of the film by unveiling the songs. Billed as

a light-hearted drama, the film will deal with the theme of extramarital affairs and live-in relationships. Krishna and Bhavana, who are sharing screen space for the first time, essay the roles of a steward and a lawyer, respectively.

With music by Arjun Janya and cinematography by Satya Hegde, *SriKrishna@gmail.com* also has Dattanna playing a vital role.



A still from the film



## KJo shares BTS picture from Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani

CE FEATURES

**K**ARAN Johar is making his directorial comeback with *Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani*. The film, starring Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt, went on floors last month.

On Saturday, Karan shared a picture from an indoor set on Instagram. The picture shows his crew adjusting a reflector for a shot. "#shoot-life #rockyaurranikipremkahani," Karan wrote.

Besides Ranveer and Alia, *Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani* also has Dharmendra, Jaya Bachchan and Shabana Azmi in the cast. The film is written by Ishita Moitra, Shashank Khaitan and Sumit Roy. It will hit screens in 2022. Karan's last directorial feature was *Ae Dil Hai Mushkil* in 2016.



## Little Things season 4 to stream on Netflix from this date

CE FEATURES

**T**HE fourth and final season of *Little Things* will drop on Netflix on October 15. Dhruv Sehgal and Mithila Palkar will be back as their characters, Dhruv and Kavya.

Talking about the final season, director Ruchir Arun and Pranjal Dua commented, "The journey of Dhruv and Kavya

has been such an adorable, enriching experience. We have seen them do it all, from living together to long-distance, they have showcased the most relatable side of young love to us. It is a bittersweet feeling, the finale - it was a rollercoaster of emotions shooting it."

They continued, "Dhruv-Kavya are growing up, their love is more mature and they are making way for more ad-

ventures, more ups and downs. Mithila and Dhruv have done a great job. As the final season of *Little Things* releases on Netflix, we really wish to leave the audiences with a smile on their face as we begin to say goodbye."

*Little Things S4* is produced by Dice Media and written by Abhinandan Sridhar, Nupur Pai, Garima Pura Patiyaalvi and Gaurav Patki.

## Dan Levy to star in and produce Netflix's romantic comedy feature

CE FEATURES

**S**chitt's Creek-fame Dan Levy has signed a first-look deal with Netflix. As the first project under the deal, the actor will write, direct, produce and star in an upcoming untitled romantic comedy film.

Plot details are currently unavailable. The film is produced by Stacey Snider and Kate Fenske alongside Levy.

Meanwhile, the actor's up-



coming Netflix series under the deal will production in July 2022, when his three-year deal with ABC ends. Until then, Levy will continue working on the three live-action projects in the works as well as animated comedy *Standing By* which has a presentation order at Hulu.

## Danielle Harris to star in horror film Flesh

CE FEATURES

**A**CTOR Danielle Harris (of *Halloween*-fame) will star in an upcoming horror film titled *Flesh*.

Though plot details are scarce, it is reported that the film will have a deranged individual who wants to sacrifice human flesh to a malevolent spirit.

The film is set to be directed by Chris McGowan, who also wrote the script along

with Reine Swart. The film is slated to go on floors in October.

*Flesh* is produced by McGowan with Danielle Harris serving as an executive producer. The film is being bankrolled by Clear Media Finance.

The film will mark McGowan's sophomore film as a director: His directorial debut *Chasing Nightmares* starred Anne Heche, Graham McTavish and Michelle Randolph.



## SONU SOOD ACCUSED OF ₹20 CRORES TAX EVASION

CE FEATURES

THE Income Tax Department on Saturday accused Bollywood actor Sonu Sood of financial irregularities worth over Rs 250 crore by way of unutilised charitable funds, bogus contracts and circular transactions with one of his partner companies, and diverting funds to evade taxes, officials said.

The disclosures came after IT sleuths' swoop for two days on some 28 premises in Mumbai, Delhi, Lucknow, Jaipur, Kanpur and Gurugram in one of the biggest such investigative actions on any actor or entities linked with him. The operations continue.